

Dear Senators.I have been involved in the Wind farm debate for eight years and would welcome the opportunity to appear before your committee as I feel I could shed much light on the whole debate.If you do not want me to appear I have out lined many of my argument below,when I first sat on the South Gippsland Shire Advisory Committee I had reservations but had not formed solid opposition to the wind power industry ,that is no longer the case.

Wind power is largely ineffective as a means of reducing carbon emissions the exception being where the backup is diesel powered generators which can be started the moment the wind stops or becomes too strong. Where wind energy is used in conjunction with coal fired generators there is miniscule green house gas savings .Electrical energy cannot be stored in the grid and so wind generators cannot provide base load power .

The process of deciding where turbines are placed is piecemeal and very poorly handled with the most affected people having the least to say.Communities are ripped asunder by this debate and unfair process with often long term friends and neighbours unable to speak with each other ,this has far more importance in close knit rural communities than in city offices where the decisions are made. This leads me to the current practice of panel hearings which at best can be described as a sham and at worst as corrupt.

Land holders that adjoin wind farm become the providers of the buffer zone for the noise and nuisance of the wind farm with no compensation and suffer a dramatic devaluation of their properties as well ,some are able to sell their houses to the wind farm companies who demolish them and make people sign a confidentiality clause in an attempt to buy their silence.

The number of cases of people suffering ill health from wind farm infrasound is becoming compelling and well documented with thousands of case being reported world wide.

At some future time when electric cars are in widespread use and therefore a means of usefully storing electricity is possible and when health aspects have been addressed and proper planning and set backs are in place this expensive industry may have a place at the moment it only exists as a green screen for people to hide behind.

This is a brief out line of my main arguments and I would welcome the opportunity to appear before you at your convenience,I feel you have had so few submission because nowadays letters to parliamentarians go unanswered so many people no longer make the effort .

Yours sincerely

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