

9th January, 2011

To: Department of the Senate,
PO Box 6100,
Parliament House,
Canberra ACR 2600,
Australia.

Re: Senate Enquiry on the effects of wind farms. Submission by Val Martin.

Dear Sir/Madame,

I have been examining wind farms as a source of electrical energy in Ireland and compiled a long document entitled "The Great Wind Race". For the information of interested parties. It proved to be somewhat too long for some and I produced a shortened critique by the same name. I have attempted to forward both compilations to you by e-mail. Hope they get through. I would be obliged if you would let me know if you receive it and you manage to open then. If not I will try again. The long version has "long version" printed on the cover.

I would point to an English civil law case in which it was held the planning authorities must take into account the likely contribution of the wind farm before deciding on the grant or refusal of permissions. Den Brook Valley Wind Farm, Renewable Energy Systems Judicial Review on appeal 2008. Under common law this case should be persuasive in Australia.

The book "The Wind farm Scam" by John Etherington published by Stacey is available from Amazon. (It is copy write protected) is a good reference if your enquiry wish to buy it.

My main finding is that wind farms produce very little power (0 – 1.7% of a total system). At high level of penetration, more conventional generation will be required than with a system with no wind element. I also am trying to find out how the grid power used by wind farms is accounted for. The Irish minister for energy acknowledged a written request by me for this information in June 2010, but I heard nothing since.

I suspect that grid power used by wind farms is substantial (possibly more than the total output in a year and that it is not adequately charged for.)

Yours faithfully

Val Martin

To whom it may concern.

I Val Martin have examined the subject of wind farms and compiled a shortened critique and a longer version by the same name entitled "The Great Wind Race" . I retain the property rights in these documents. I have submitted the two documents with other submissions to the Australian Senate Committee established to enquire into wind farming to be held in 2011.

I hereby agree, consent and permit the use of these compilations and documents by the Senate enquiry in accordance with the rules set out. They may be copied, circulated and given to third parties for comment or for any use whatsoever in accordance with the rules and may be put into the public domain. Provided that no part of them may be sold or reproduced for profit without my consent and this is the only restriction I wish to put on their use.

Val martin

Dated 9th January, 2011.