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I Support these proposed amendments to the Renewable Energy Act

My submission to the Australia Federal senate inquiry into excessive noise.

I am a third generation farmer, I have experienced a lot of hard situations in my life on the farm but nothing like the problems that have come with trying to live too close (900) metres from wind turbines.

I could have had 8 wind turbines on my property but declined for a number of reasons.

The first day the turbines near my home started I heard a noise coming from them I had never heard before, my shoulders slumped and I instantly thought this is going to be a disaster and it was and still is today.

I have complained to Acciona a lot, they have a useless complaints register that would be up to approximately 900 complaints by now from people in the Waubra area.

We have done noise testing at our home at Waubra by independent acoustic experts and it is over noise compliance levels.

The Waubra wind farm has been fully operational for approximately 3 years and is still non compliant officially, but we cannot live in our family home that is too close to Acciona wind turbines built too close to our home.

We pay \$30,000 per year in rates and the Pyrenees shire have done nothing but insult my family and I.

This situation has been the worst thing my family and I has ever been through, and the local Pyrenees shire, Victorian government past and present and federal government has let us down dreadfully.

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