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Senator Doug Cameron
Chair
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Cameron

RE: Inquiry into Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012

Thank you for your invitation to provide a submission addressing issues that may be of relevance to the Inquiry into Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012.


The NHMRC has commissioned a third party contractor to conduct a systematic review of the literature examining the potential effects of wind farms on human health. The review is being overseen by an expert working committee that comprises of experts in epidemiology, sleep, psychology, acoustics and a consumer. The outcomes of the review will inform the revision of the NHMRC *Public Statement on Wind farms and Health (2010)*.

As this review is not yet complete we are unable to submit any additional advice than that which has been outlined in the NHMRC *Wind turbines and Health - A rapid review of the evidence (2010)*. The results of the current systematic review are expected to be considered by the committee in February 2013. Following NHMRC consultation and clearance processes the final systematic review and the revised public statement will be released to the public in mid 2013.

This letter confirms advice already provided to the committee on behalf of Professor John McCallum via email on 29 October 2012.

Yours sincerely

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