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To: <u>Committee, EC (SEN)</u>

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I support these proposed amendments to the renewable Energy Act because:

- 1. I have been dealing with a wind farm company in regards to the Mortlake South Wind farm.
- 2. 5 families at their expense, undertook independent noise testing- to be done along side the wind farm company, so we would have an opportunity to compare data.
- 3. We did two weeks of background noise monitoring along side the wind farm company. When our loggers were taken away on the Sunday we had a phone call from the wind farm company on the Monday to say the met mast had broken down so therefore there was no data to compare.
- 4. The wind farm company knew of our intention to do background noise monitoring at the same time as they were doing their monitoring (the wind farm company denied this knowledge, until they realized we had emails proving they knew about our intentions). They then had to concede that they had known we would be testing at the same time.
- 5. We asked the wind farm company for a technicians report showing us proof of the failure .They said in an email they would no be able to give us one. After some bad publicity in regard to the met mast failure, they presented us with a graph showing the failure. They could not really explain what the graph meant.
- 6. We have asked the wind farm company for the raw data. We are only asking for 1 month of data so we, those of us who will be effected by this 1998 permit, can be assured that their noise predictions are what the permit requires. We do not want this application approved on selected and misleading data.
- 7. The wind farm company state they will not hand over any raw data because we would then have knowledge of their financials regarding this wind factory. One month of data would not reveal this.
- 8. We have no faith that this wind farm company will be compliant. We have asked for a guarantee that they will be compliant. They have reused this request.
- 9. As a resident who will be greatly effected by this wind farm I am asking that the developers are honest and transparent. At this stage we have been shown no transparency or honesty.
- I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT the amendments to the Renewable Energy Act because of the impacts of noise, lack of transparency, inadequate regulations and inadequate independent monitoring.

Regards

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