

To: The Select Committee on Wind Turbines

Subject: Submission regarding Senate inquiry into Wind Turbines

From: Ketan Joshi

Via email

Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit information regarding a large range of issues around wind turbine technology. I am currently employed as a Research and Communications officer at Infigen Energy, an Australian specialist renewable energy company operating wind farm and solar assets. I am sending this submission in my personal capacity, not as a representative of my employers. All remarks are my own, not my colleagues or my company.

I suspect many of the issues raised in the Terms of Reference will be addressed in some detail among other submissions and during your hearings. As such, I wish to bring to your attention a separate issue under '*i. any related matter*'. This relates to anonymously published abuse of Australian wind industry employees, through a web-based carriage service.

Since late 2013, a raft of content has been published anonymously on 'Stop These Things' which aims to bully and abuse employees in the wind industry. Some of it consists of racial abuse directed at myself, or abuse of wind industry employees suffering from clinical depression.

The anonymous group organised a rally in 2013, at which several prominent politicians and commentators spoke. These included Senator Chris Back, Senator Ron Boswell, Angus Taylor, Senator John Madigan, Craig Kelly MP, Alan Jones and Dr Alan Moran.

Though the debate around wind turbines may, on occasion, grow heated and passionate, no other group or individual comes close to the cruelty of 'Stop These Things'. No author is listed on the site, and no individual has ever claimed authorship of the abusive content on the blog. The anonymous author dehumanises its victims through the use of cruel nicknames, such as 'Rogan Joshi' for myself – a play on my skin colour and Indian cuisine, or 'Richard Die Nasty', a threatening, violent play on Senator Richard Di Natale's name.

Anonymity is a useful tool for whistle-blowers, journalists and activists in exposing corruption and wrongdoing. 'Stop These Things' has used anonymity to directly publish content designed to cause emotional and psychological harm. I hope this information inspires the committee to take seriously the publication of large amount of harmful material on this website.

Below is a small collection of examples. Comments on the side are moderated such that remarks supportive of wind power are deleted, but direct threats of physical abuse are published. To the best of my knowledge, 100% of the content below remains on the website.

Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED]

### 2013-05-13 – Author recommends a pro-wind blogger commit suicide

Dave was a monstrous little grub when he thought his team were winning, so we don't expect Dave to be gracious in defeat. So come September, keep a look out for Dave – keep him away from razor blades and rope – he is unlikely to take what comes next at all well.

### 2013-05-13 – Commenter threatens violence



**peter says:**

May 14, 2013 at 7:34 am

I remember this little prick poking his unwanted views in when we were fighting the Tuki wind farm proposal.

I know a lot of people don't like violence but a good punch in the nose is what turds like this need. They sit behind their computers all day and never get out in the real world, too scared to personally confront anyone with an opposing view (probably because they are scared they will get punched in the nose)

But they think its ok to lie, slander and denigrate anyone online with differing views. On this note there is another bloke down in Gippsland who is just as bad, most of them live off the taxpayer just like their beloved turbines!

**Reply**

### 2013-05-25 – Commenter recommends hanging wind industry employees

## Comments



**Bruce says:**

May 25, 2013 at 9:53 pm

Get the gallows resurrected and be ready for business after SEPTEMBER 14, & fetch NED back to life, as he was a gentleman compared to the wind mob. The wind mob should be hung for what they have done to people's lives with these useless industrial wind turbines.

**Reply**

2013-07-03 – Commenter recommends ‘heads roll off’



**David Mortimer says:**

September 3, 2013 at 9:57 pm

Well said.

Let Saturday roll on and the wind weasles heads roll off!

I know you have heard our story before but here's an update of the suffering.

My wife and I recently spent 7 weeks touring QLD and got to

address the good folk of Tolga near Atherton. They are scared!

During our time away, being away from the sonic torture chamber (our home) was simply delicious. The inner silence profound.

Within a week of being home again we had to get away again for a few days. We only got home again tonight and already we have had enough.

When will the governments also say "enough is enough!"?

**Reply**

2013-07-13 – Commenter threatens physical acts of harm towards wind industry employees



**peter says:**

July 17, 2013 at 7:45 am

The people of King Island should make it known that any rep from Hydro Tas is not welcome on the island. Make them feel uncomfortable. Being nice to wind companies never got anyone anywhere. I don't need to spell out what to do, but from experience, a little physical pressure really works well with weak lying shonks.

2013-07-28 – Abuse of wind industry employee (he was diagnosed with clinical depression, acting as spokesperson for Beyond Blue in the article linked in the comment)



**George Papadopoulos says:**

July 26, 2013 at 10:57 pm

Very interesting analysis by Delingpole, and could I dare extrapolate that wind industry "logic" would likely flow as follows:

- 1) 110dB is what gives a child enjoyment on a swing, so it must be a good environment for one to relax and sleep in. Believe it or not, children like to fall asleep on the swing so keep a close watch on them.
- 2) The audible noise of wind turbines is similar to that of a refrigerator compressor so sweet dreams about eating all the food a fridge the next day, especially if you didn't indulge in one last nibble before going to sleep. This level of noise may lead to weight loss
- 3) The vibrations of wind turbines could be quite fun, especially when they affect the structures of your bed. A good way to coping with lonely nights by yourself, especially if you miss the use of adult toys.

And here is one brave man who works with the wind industry:

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/health-science/the-power-of-more-than-one/story-e6frg8y6-1226685214795>

He did work out that married life with children makes you feel less depressed and more happy. But he still is to work that turning people's living environment into the land of the triffids is going to make them feel very unhappy and very depressed. Hope his wife is again the source of common sense in his life, because he seems slow to pick up on it.

And one last observation: all of the wind industry salesmen/project managers that I have bumped into to date are all males that go around like rats undermining the cohesion of local communities (and perhaps like swine looking for a good feed of dollars). Yet most prominent medicos exposing the horrors of wind energy are brave women. I wonder why?

Maybe we should demand that the wind industry employ more women at prominent positions – you never in might just implode and disappear!

**Reply**



**Nimbynet says:**

July 28, 2013 at 8:29 am

"All of a sudden I was unable to sleep, I was functioning at about 10 per cent in the office and I didn't know where it would end."

.....poor Mr 'wind industry' Valentine! Karma's a bitch.

**Reply**

2013-08-11 – Racist nickname coined, used whenever I am referred to

One of the things that drives the ecofascist mad is the fact that STT is anonymous. True it is that you won't find "selfies" of STT's people being posted daily on Twitter – we'll leave that modern take on narcissism to [Rogan Joshi](#) and Lee Ewebank. Even if the Twitter accounts these [Gen-Y greentards use are fake](#) and designed as "spoilers" to what STT and others are presenting (ie the facts).

2013-09-11 – Author again names wind blogger by name, recommends he commit suicide

As we said of Crystal Brook's monstrous hypocrite [Dopey Dave Clarke](#) a while back – when we predicted a solid Coalition win – make sure to keep these boys away from rope and razor blades come September.

2013-11-30 – Author publishes death threat direct at wind industry employees

## Comments



**Susan Richmond says:**

November 30, 2013 at 9:38 am

Sarah – if the editor/publisher/creative genius behind STT ever deserved an award, its for the photograph in this post of the windies. I can't believe it. Will be grinning like a loon all day. Are they really weasels?

Susan

**Reply**



**stopthesethings says:**

November 30, 2013 at 8:39 pm

Yes, they are weasels. And the only good wind weasel is a dead wind weasel.

**Reply**

## 2014-02-10 – Commenter recommends legalisation of acts of physical harm on wind industry employees



George Papadopoulos says:  
February 10, 2014 at 6:19 pm

There seems to never be any shortage of sharks who tell others to make the sacrifice for the "common (cough, cough) good" – at least wind turbines will make some people wealthier and yeah, might save a few grams of coal...

I think the government should make it legal to give such bastards a black eye!

[Reply](#)

## 2014-05-06 – Commenter threatens to commit act of violence on wind energy blogger



The Callous Wind says:  
April 26, 2014 at 10:12 pm

Well said STT.

While we do not condone violence or vandalism, I can see things like that happening here, if construction starts on Ceres,

There has already been some pushing and shoving with one of the proponents, neighbours angry at their turbine host neighbours, for not showing them any consideration when signing up for turbines.

You can not treat a Community with contempt, like they did at the meeting you mentioned and then construct an industrial power generating facility, that is going to impact on many people's quality of life, reduce their property values, as well as interfere with their business operations and not expect tensions to rise.

Many things in the way of reprisals, have been discussed in jest, already, but in situations like this, desperate people do desperate things.

One particular blogger needs to tread very carefully as well, he continues to antagonise and denigrate members of our Community in his blog, on the internet, he needs to remember that he does not live very far away and he has publicly advertised his address. If I were him, I would take that blog down and move house, because if Ceres goes ahead, it could just come back and bite him in the arse, as they say, 'karma can be a bitch!'

I have never in my whole life time, seen anything like this, the stress, the tension, people avoiding each other, Communities divided, all caused by the wind industry.

TCW.

[Reply](#)



2014-12-06 – Commenter discusses ‘doing something serious (permanent)’ to wind industry employees and political representatives support of wind power



David Mortimer says:

December 6, 2014 at 6:13 pm

It is such a pity that you can't show a "video" of the Infra and low frequency sound that we sufferers have to put up with on a daily basis.

Sure, the audible blade noise is annoying but it doesn't come near the rodeo that we have going on inside our head when inside our homes and out buildings.

There are times (often) when I feel like doing something serious (permanent) to the perpetrators of the wind lie and their complicit politicians.

For the last week or more, the wind has been blowing to greater and lesser degrees directly from the turbines 2.5 km away.

Evenings in our home in these conditions are horrendous.

At first, the sensation appears mild and one thinks "I can put up with it", but it is incessant and once again sleep is elusive, disturbed and nowhere near enough and always wake in the morning feeling like we need another night's real sleep NOW!

I swear, I could .....but it would be illegal.

Reply

2015-03-09 – Commenters adopt the author's nicknames for Senator Di Natale



50 Shades of Green says:

March 9, 2015 at 2:10 pm

The endless self righteous Green moralising by the whining Die Nasty is tiresome and insulting. He is either profoundly ignorant or so deep inside the wind industry he has lost any independant objective scientific or ethical analytical capacity. Oh, I almost forgot. His party is paid by Big Wind, so of course he is deeply rectally fistal!

Indeed the Greens have become the Spinal Tap of Australian politics, a parody of conservation principles which is turbine-trashing the environment and rural communities with contempt for the health and well being of residents and wildlife alike.

Unlike Spinal Tap, they are not aware that they are the joke. Even the NHMRC get that.

Reply