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Senator Madigan

We support these proposed amendments to the Renewable Energy Act, because we feel the uncertainty of living with the spectre of a windfarm in close proximity to where we live has caused considerable stress & anxiety.

There seems to be no definitive answers from the energy companies that propose to build these turbines and the behaviour of the companies are such that there is a complete lack of trust by the community about what they say.

We are convinced that they are only working in their own interest and they can walk away after the project is completed. We, on the other hand have to live with whatever consequences these turbines throw up.

Noise and vibration (infrasound) are the most concerning aspects of the turbines. There seems to be so much that impacts these factors, i.e. the distance travelled of the noise such as topography and weather conditions. We would like to see more relevant testing done by independent authorities.

We are also concerned about the health issues to our family, farm animals and the wildlife. We feel the government has let us down badly by allowing these projects to go ahead without any definitive answers to the many questions arising from this issue.

It is very frustrating when the personal experiences of people living near the turbine are scoffed at by people in power. Most people questioned of would not live near turbines by choice.

We are keen to see renewable energy be a part of Australia's policy but I do not think it should come to the detriment of so many Australian citizens.

Thank you for your attention

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