

8th February, 2011

Department of the Senate
P O Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Submission for Steven Fielding's Senate Inquiry into Wind Farms

We write to you to submit our personal objection and concerns to be considered by the Senate Inquiry regarding the construction of new wind turbines.

We request for our submission to be heard.

We currently reside at Dunnstown and our property adjoins a proposed wind farm site at Lal Lal, Victoria.

As we live in a quiet picturesque rural setting, we have great concerns of the noise level that will be emitted from these towers. Our main concerns are of health issues due to the low frequency noise level's that will be produced. The Lal Lal wind farm noise limits were determined for 2MW turbines but the planning panel has allowed for 3MW turbines to be installed. This may lead to a large increase in noise levels. The practice of allowing for larger turbines is unfair and needs to be addressed at this inquiry.

The current acoustic standard for wind farms in Victoria is NZS6808:1998. It is 12 years old and is grossly inadequate. It does not allow for a number of factors that are inherent to modern day, larger turbines.

Residents near operating wind farms are experiencing sleep deprivation, high blood pressure, depression, anxiety, headaches due to the constant noise from the towers. Some families have had to leave their homes.

We have worked tirelessly to develop a peaceful lifestyle conducive with this picturesque area and feel betrayed by our neighboring property.

We also believe that the minimum distance for these towers should be at least 2Kms away from dwellings and as these towers are only 1.2km in distance from our property and we have major concerns of both health risks and also that our property value will decline dramatically.

We also have great concerns for the birds and wildlife that are abundant in this area including Wedge Tailed Eagles.

Yours faithfully,

Doug Beaumont & Carol Grills