

Re windfarm impact on health of communities.

This submission requests that a full and open enquiry to examine the health impacts on communities occurs before future windfarms are approved.

The research so far demonstrates that there are negative impacts and the businesses providing the technology are ignoring these health effects.

This is reminiscent of the mining of asbestos where known negative impacts were ignored for the making of profit.

I am particularly concerned about two windfarm projects that I am aware of those of Beetaloo Valley and Rendelsham in SA which may have the potential to compromise the health of local residents and in the case of Rendelsham, the school which is in close proximity to the sites of mills.

Two other concerns of the Rendelsham project are environmental - the changing of the habitat for the little bent winged bat and the straw necked ibis putting both these species at risk.

Research must be commissioned and observations noted before windfarm projects are approved. This sounds obvious but it has not been occurring to the shock of residents who will be living with the mills close to homes and farms.

Let us take responsibility now as this is urgent. I am saddened that an alternative clean energy has now compromised the health and lives of Australians due to this past lack of rigour This is about the lack of accountability and research before projects are approved which I hope will become a thing of the past.