

I am making this submission to make known my grave concerns about the proposed wind farm in the Collector area. My property, Allendale, neighbours the property, Lerida, on which most of the turbines will be placed. The turbines will be within three kilometres of my house. My concerns are as follows:

Loss of property value in the order of 30% to 50%. These figures are confirmed by several real estate agents who have sold properties adjacent or close to wind farms. During my nearly ten years of residency at Allendale I have improved the soil and pasture, controlled erosion, controlled weeds, improved and added fences and outbuildings as well as numerous improvements to my house and garden. These improvements have been done at considerable expense and effort. I consider it grossly unjust to now strip my property of up to half its value, leaving me financially insecure. Health issues that have been recognized and well documented, although not clinically proven as yet. These include added risks to people suffering high blood pressure and inner ear disorders. My husband suffers from both. Sleep deprivation issues. Neither my husband nor I are sound sleepers and the idea of having the sleep we do get depleted is very upsetting. We live full and busy lives and cannot afford to suffer from constant tiredness.

Noise and vibration from the turbines, especially through the summer and autumn months when an easterly wind rises most afternoons. The turbines will be east of my house. Effect on the native flora. Our garden is home to numerous types of native birds, which keep my plants healthy and provide us with considerable enjoyment. I am concerned that the noise and vibration may cause many of these birds to move farther from the turbines. I ask that you do not let this development go ahead.

Regards,  
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