

Tuesday 23rd October 2012

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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Re: Inquiry into Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment
(Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012**

I am a resident and a primary producer adjacent to the recently commenced Bald Hills Wind Farm in South Gippsland hence write to you as a stakeholder to this wind farm.

The developer of Bald Hills Wind Farm have provided me with the noise modeling applicable to my residence (as attached). This modeling predicts the noise will be 40dBA at night during sleep hours . Under the current planning permit, the sleeping hours noise limit is 36dBA. The plans for the Bald Hills Wind farm have been approved by VCAT against the State Planning departments advice.

Why does the Bald Hills Wind Farm have the right (under VCAT ruling) to construct wind turbine that produce excessive noise at the neighbours residence? This is an example of poor (confusing)

planning rules. The proposed bill will clarify the rules in a robust framework.

Where is the current protection of my wife and children well being and sleep?

Are our Victorian State's Planning tools so lenient to the bankers and developer of wind farms that VCAT approves plans that inflict knowingly excessive noise upon neighbours?

Please convey my deepest support to the proposed amendment (excessive noise from wind farms) bill 2012 to the Parliament of Australia. The aim of the bill is to support wind power generation with good planning requirements protecting the few neighbours on the basis that all Australians have a right to enjoy well being and sleep at night.

Yours sincerely

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Farmer and owner