

Wind Turbines

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To whom it may concern,

Wind turbines are effecting health and daily living.

- Noise (low frequency) and vibration, wind turbines are situated approximately 800-1000 m from home and within 60m of boundary fence. Symptoms became noticable shortly after turbines began operating.
- Sleep deprivation, tinnitus, feeling of pressure around head, mild disorientation. Symptoms are relieved by moving away from noise source, also when turbines are not operating, changes in wind direction and velocity of wind also either increase or decrease symptoms, Northerly and Southerly wind directions increase symptoms.
- Income earning capacity and safety on farm and stock welfare are negatively affected.
- Depreciation in property values, as people don't want to live near turbines,
- Family and social relationships are negatively affected by people moving away for extended periods of time or permanently due to health problems. I have had to travel to Ballarat to sleep and stay for periods of time to alleviate symptoms.

The company arranged an interview asked questions but there has been no follow up. There has been no in home noise pollution monitoring. There has been no notification regarding noise level data or access to details.

Consultation with general practioner resulted in advice to move away from area, suggested sleeping medication but this will only temporarily help with sleeping problems and could add further adverse health problems.

Phone calls reporting problems have been made to the Planning Minister with no response.

Previous government did not listen to complaints, we have been ignored by the company, beaurocrats and government ministers.

The proposed amendments to the Bill will be a positive improvement.

Yours sincerely

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