

RE: Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012

We live on a farm located next to the Macarthur wind farm substation and the approved, but not yet constructed Tarrone gas power station. Neighbouring our farm is the proposed Willatook and Tarrone wind farms, and about 8km away the approved Ryan's corner wind farm, to the North East the approved Hawkesdale wind farm, and to the North the near completed Macarthur wind farm. For this reason we are very concerned about the accumulative detrimental effects that wind farm and gas turbine noise may have on our health and lifestyle.

We have met with people from Glenthompson, Cape Bridgewater and Waubra and heard about the problems which they attribute to the effects from noise from wind farms. People we know who reside near the Macarthur wind farm (which has only 30 turbines operating at the present time which will increase to 143 by January 2013) are already being effected from the noise.

When we attended the panel hearing for the Tarrone gas power station, an expert appearing for applicant, said to the objectors, " If you don't like the noise, shift " This type of comment reinforces the need for a bill to protect the people from these industrial sites being constructed, where they may affect others.

During construction of the Macarthur wind farm substation, the noise was loud enough to wake us on several occasions at night. We have real concerns If all these project were to proceed.

For this reason we support the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from the Wind farm) Bill 2012.

We hope this will protect us from excessive noise.

Yours sincerely

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