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Submission No: 107

**Subject:** Enquiry into development of non-fossil fuel energy industry in Australia

We wish to make our personal submission to the Committee of Enquiry for its consideration.

Our residential property is located close to the proposed Bald Hills wind farm.

In brief, our concerns relate to the desecration of our totally rural landscape as a misguided sacrifice to the development of a non-fossil fuel energy industry.

This is being pursued by a small minority of landowners in our area (most of whom are non-residents) to seek financial gain without consideration of the community in general.

Perhaps they believe the production of energy from the wind is a way in which they can play a part in saving the planet. There are grave doubts that this would be so, with unsubstantiated arguments in favour of this source of electricity presenting an unconvincing case to us of its desirability.

A rural landscape "generously" dotted with 20-storey high industrial towers is not one that we would consider indicative of the best effort towards a saved planet. Such an environment would not be a worthy legacy for our descendants – especially when one considers that there can be alternatives that would be **very much more efficient, less costly and better sited** to the advantage of all.

We trust that you will consider these aspects of the subject and arrive at an outcome that will be acceptable to the majority of your voters and the best choice for posterity.

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