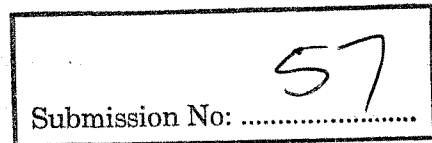


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**To:** Committee, ISR (REPS)  
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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you with concerns about the wind energy industry and how it has impacted on our lives. A Japanese company came out to our farm and were happy to erect wind turbines on our property. We then began to think about the bigger picture:

- Were they as productive with wind energy as they were made out to be.
- Aesthetically, how would they impact on the landscape
- Is this an appropriate development for a scenic, coastal property.
- What would the community think about a project of this size
- Was it a good idea to place a wind farm between the Bald Hills Wetland Reserve and the King's Flat Reserve.

So we decided that we would investigate the wind farm proposal ourselves. We visited the Codrington wind farm in Western Victoria, we visited the Queensland wind farm and looked at them there, one turbine was not working and we were told that it would not be economical to fix it. We also stopped in at Stanwell Corporation in Brisbane and spoke to an engineer who was involved with the Toora Wind Farm. He said the Bald Hills turbines will not produce as much power as the Toora turbines. The wind speed at Toora is higher and more reliable 11 to 13 metres per second. Wind speed at Tarwin Lower is 7.2 to 8 metres per second. The engineer suggested there were better areas in the state that would enable more efficient production of wind energy. We came back to Tarwin Lower and decided to refuse the Japanese companies request to build a wind farm on our property. Shortly afterwards we were approached by Wind Power Pty Ltd who were also interested in establishing a wind farm. We declined their proposal, but were informed by a representative of the company, "They will be going ahead whether you like it or not". With that he left the house, spinning the wheels of his high powered petrol guzzling four wheel drive on our front lawn.

We then became involved with the panel hearings at Leongatha. This took many voluntary hours of our farming time to attend. Many submissions were made which I believe had great merit. Many people spent enormous time and energy to present their cases highlighting the reasons why the Bald Hills wind farm should not be allowed to proceed. I feel the compelling cases put forward have been ignored and brushed aside.

I don't believe enough attention has been paid to the noise affect made by the wind turbines and the affect it will have on surrounding residences. I fail to understand why you would position a 52 turbine wind farm between 3 reserves: The Bald Hills wetland reserve, the King's flat Reserve and the Bunarong Coastal Reserve.

Bob Brown has been asked whether he approves wind turbines being built where there is obvious local and protected bird habitat. He replied: "No he does not approve". There has been nine confirmed deaths of Wedge Tailed eagles at the Woolnorth Wind Farm in Tasmania. The panel inspected a Wedge Tailed eagle's nest in our Bald Hill's paddock, which is at the end of the Bald Hills road, Tarwin Lower. People travel from all over the country to observe Wedge Tailed eagles in their natural habitat at the Bald Hills Wetland Reserve.

I don't believe wind farms should be set up secretly, without appropriate community input, agreement and support. The Bald Hills Wind Farm proposal has driven a wedge into our local community which I can not see being resolved. It is very sad to see our community, which is the lifeblood of country towns, fractured and fragmented due to the way in which Wind Power has conducted their business.