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**Submission to the Parliamentary Enquiry into the Wind Farm proposal for Bald Hills, South Gippsland.**

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Dear Members of the Parliamentary Enquiry,

In 1999 my husband and I decided, in the face of impending retirement to acquire a property in South Gippsland with our daughter. Our property was to provide a home where we could enjoy time with our family, become part of a small rural community and enjoy the beauty offered by the rural and coastal scenery of South Gippsland. We chose a home at Tarwin Lower/Walkerville. It is a beautiful place with a thriving local community encompassing pony club, football, netball, pub, life saving and a wonderful sense of neighbours looking after neighbours, particularly as rainfall and stock prices influence so much in a rural community.

Enter the wind farmer from Melbourne who silently signed up a few of the resident farmers for an 84 turbine proposal. The objections and battles of the Bald Hills facility have been well documented. However, we wish to put on record that the secretive behaviour of the developer and the conduct of the Bracks Government in this planning issue have ripped apart many of the core values of this rural community. There is a sense of injustice and helplessness from neighbours. How could one farmer do this to another? Is it purely greed or have these farmers suddenly had a green conversion that comes with some convenient dollars attached?

The wind industry is a loose cannon unleashed on rural Australia. Our developers came charging into Tarwin in their V8 Range Rovers preaching a green mantra. Enough said, they know they are unwelcome. They openly stated that their turbines would not make a difference to global warming.

Please ensure your enquiry looks deeply at the claims of the wind industry. Please impose some standards of transparency into the behaviour on these developers. To date, their self appointed lobby group, Auswind, has done nothing to rein in the potential for dividing our local community and compromising its core values.

Yours Sincerely,

P & E A McAuley

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