

To: The Dept of Planning and Infrastructure

Objection to Bodangora Wind Farm – Industrial Wind Turbines

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I make my objection to the above wind farm for the following reasons:

1. Independent medical research is needed to investigate the reason why people are becoming ill and in some cases leaving their homes. I feel people must be very desperate to take the later action. The Labour Federal government in October 2010 set up a Senate Committee to investigate “The Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms” and in particular:
  - a) any adverse health effects for people living in close proximity to wind farms;
  - b) concerns over the excessive noise and vibrations emitted by wind farms, which are in close proximity to people’s homes;
  - c) the impact of rural wind farms on property values, employment opportunities and farm income;
  - d) the interface between Commonwealth, state and local planning laws as they pertain to wind farms; and
  - e) any other relevant matters.

The reporting date was 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011 and was subsequently changed to 23 June 2011. The Senate committee findings proposed that seven (7) recommendations to be adopted. (Refer attachment A for Senate recommendations). Recommendations 4 to 6 specifically refer to the need to do research into the impacts of industrial wind turbines have on health. The New South Wales government has a duty of care to insure that all citizens of this great state have the right to live and work in an environment that is not detrimental to their health and wellbeing.

2. Industrial wind turbines are usually placed in rural areas. Therefore I strongly suggest that independent research be carried out into the possible health effects on livestock and working animals. There have been instances where working dogs have been severely impacted by industrial wind turbines. Not enough, if any research has been carried out in this area. Working dogs are an important part of any working rural property and should not be overlooked.
3. Independent research needs to be carried out into the impact on the micro climate due to industrial wind turbines. I refer to a study from the United States that has found wind farms themselves may be affecting local weather and land surface temperatures. (Attachment B)
4. Industrial Wind Turbine Farms are NOT a viable business enterprise. They rely on Federal government subsidies to exist. They will NEVER meet base load requirements to quote our current Foreign Minister Mr Bob Carr when he was the NSW Premier **“You can have a wind farm across all of outback New South Wales. It'd kill every kookaburra, but it wouldn't provide the base-load power we need.”** I think that statement says it all. The only thing that can be relied on is, that it will be taxpayers and consumers that will feed the scam that is known as WIND FARMS. As a consumer and taxpayer I strongly object.

Finally, at the risk of repeating myself, I put to the New South Wales Government that they have a duty of care for ALL citizens of this state and with this in mind I ask that the government take a precautionary approach to the construction of Industrial Wind Turbine Farms and suspend all Industrial Wind Turbine development until the above research has been concluded and reviewed.

Thank You

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