

To: The Department of Planning and Infrastructure

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Letter of Objection for Bodangora Wind Farm

My knowledge of industrial wind turbine generators some 8 months ago was very limited. As a result of being informed by a good neighbour that there was a wind farm project being planned near my daughter's home, this being where I live. My daughter and I quickly made it our business to get as much information as possible. The internet has provided us mountains of information about industrial wind turbine generators from all round the world, going back many years both pro and anti. Having given this much thought I have listed below my conclusions:-.

1. Production efficiency seems to be average 20% which comes at a very high cost:
 - financially
 - country destruction
 - impact on health of humans and animals
 - loss of habit
 - needless deaths of birds and bats
 - Micro climate change impact on local weather, top soil and insects.
2. Conventional power stations will still need to be on line to support the intermittent supply of power from industrial wind turbine farms. These conventional power stations will run inefficiently due to their role of supporting industrial wind turbine farms.
3. The fact that hosts have to sign contracts with confidentially clauses makes one think that there is something to hide such as health impacts on hosts and destruction of their property.
4. The only positive reports about industrial wind turbine farms come from hosts and/or wind developers. Statements such as 100 industrial wind turbines will power thousands of homes fails to mention that industrial wind turbine farms are at best 25% efficient and that those thousands of homes will still rely on conventional power stations 75% of the time.
5. The control of noxious weeds through aerial spraying will be severely impacted as helicopters and light aircraft will not fly near industrial wind turbine farms.
6. Bush fire control – the ability to use aerial water bombing will be severely impacted by industrial wind turbine farms. The potential of dangerous situations occurring because of this is very real and could lead to people, homes, properties and livestock being lost

Conclusion:

With all the above information why is Australia going down this path when we have enough natural gas that can be used to power Combined Gas Turbine Power Stations that give off low if any greenhouse gas emissions to supply our energy needs.

Why destroy our beautiful country by covering it with these monstrosities that will be worn out and left standing in the future. Why destroy the fabric of our rural communities? Why risk the health

of humans, birds, bats, working farm animals and livestock. For some misguided idea of saving the planet when in saving it you are destroying the planet.

Finally if this madness does proceed the only relief I have is I'm 88 years old and will not be around to see our beautiful country destroyed.

Regards

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