

I am against the Flyer Creek Wind farm

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Duane Chilcott I live at Forest Reefs. My house is 3km from Cadia Valley Operations. There are three underground and one open cut mine, there also is plans for a further expansions; Cadia East is going to be the 4th biggest underground Gold mine in the world. It is a 24 hour a day operation employing between 1500 and 3000 people and most of them are shift workers and live locally I am one of them.

Infigen are proposing to build 44 wind Turbines to the south east of my house and after 4 years (I only found out in October 2010) They still cannot give any indication of exact size make and location but it is within 4Km of my house.

This means that I will be buffeted by the noise from the four mines at Cadia and the 44 Turbines

The mine must operate at lower than 45db at night and 40 of a day and at certain times of the day and night it operates on its limits. I also refer to a case in South Australia where the turbines have failed to operate under 55db. This will mean that I will have 45db on one side and 55db on the other

I am a shift worker as are many of my neighbours. There have been cases, where the turbines are turned off at night so people can sleep but that will not help all the shift workers in our area.

I feel that our community has the noise from the mines to cope with. I knew the mine was there before I bought my house and I except it as part of living close to work; but I feel that the impact of the noise from the turbines on top of Cadia is unacceptable and I believe that the turbines should be relocated away from our houses and our school and we as a community give more than our share back to the Government.

Cadia is expanding and the area would be better used to provide more accommodation for the Cadia workers as there is very big shortage of accommodation. Cadia is a cash cow for the Local, State and Federal Governments. There is already a 50% turnover of mine workers moving interstate and one of the main reasons is because there is nowhere affordable for them to move to with their families, and buy adding a high noise industrial wind farm into the area will only add to the attrition rate. It is a case of a off shore company coming in to our area and do as they like where they like with very little benefit to the local community they will then disappear leaving us with a mess to clean up. The only reason the Wind farm can be paid for is dependent on carbon credits(This may well disappear at the next election) as they return very little energy, my information is that they generate only 15 to 25% of the time.

Thankfully Yours

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