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Your address

Date 13.12.11.

Department of Planning & Infrastructure,
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Department of Planning
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Scanning Room

Dear Sir,

Re: FLYERS CREEK WIND FARM MP08_0252

I am aware of the proposal to construct up to 44 wind turbines in the Flyers Creek area, approximately 20 kilometres from Orange, NSW.

~~I give~~/do not give permission for my personal details to be released to the proponent, the public or any other government department.

I wish to lodge my objection to this wind turbine proposal because of the following:

- ☒ *Health Impacts*
- ☒ *Noise pollution both audible and infrasound*
- ☒ *Visual Pollution and increasing turbine size*
- ☒ *Lack of community consultation and transparency*
- ☒ *Contractual secrecy containing gag clauses*
- ☒ *Destruction of flora and fauna*
- ☒ *Devaluation of affected land and surrounding land*
- ☒ *Safety issues relating to blade throw and fire dangers, and the inability to fight fires near turbines*
- ☒ *Danger to low flying agricultural air craft*
- ☒ *Shadow Flicker*
- ☒ *Further damage to already dangerous country roads*
- ☒ *Destruction of historic, heritage and cultural areas*
- ☒ *Reduced agricultural productivity*
- ☒ *Division of rural communities and alienation within families*
- ☒ *Destruction of rural social infrastructure*
- ☒ *Enforced tax payer subsidies to the wind turbine industry*
- ☒ *Inefficient and intermittent electricity production*
- ☒ *Inability to produce base load power*
- ☒ *Inadequate or non-existent provision for decommissioning and removal of old turbines*

I therefore petition the Department of Planning & Infrastructure to disallow this proposal and look forward to your Department's favourable consideration of this submission.

Yours faithfully,

Department of Planning and Infrastructure

To further support this letter I would like you to know our personal situation. My family and I moved into Dunstaffnage lane browns creek approximately nine years ago with no knowledge that this project was being proposed or we would not have bought there. Our outlook and situation in this instance have made us an easy target for a large organisation as there are only two current residences on our lane, therefore less people to fight against to gain approval. We are most concerned about this and the reasons as stated on the cover letter give some up front information about our situation and feelings about the wind farm.

We adamantly oppose the project due to there being at least six of the massive machines located within 1.3 kilometres of our home. The wind farms could have detrimental health effects on my family that are to date not completely known. I have researched the oppositions argument to these wind turbines and there is a growing concern around the globe of their proximity to human inhabitants. Why are we being forced to have turbines that will ruin our quality of life right next to our home? I understand it is no longer un-Australian to put a business before the needs of its citizens, and in this instance believe that it is only a matter of time before we have them installed whether we like it or not. Where does that leave my family? We can't sell our home as no-one will buy it at this stage of the project for fear of the unknown, unless I sell it at a loss.

Our family has no opposition to the wind farm industry as long as they are not being placed so close to people's homes. The sheer number of these machines located so close to our home means that we will be one of the worst impacted by this project and feel we are not being considered at all due to the amount of money being spent and how not only people, but agencies are bought into the process. If our government wants renewable energy, place it where it has less impact on residents or be prepared to move those constituents that don't want to live near them and there would be far less problems with the application process.

During this process I have been lied to countless times by the developers, have not been told what is occurring by our neighbours due to their obligations of silence, have had our choice and options for a future taken away, have reduced our financial situation for our and our children's futures and been through immeasurable amounts of stress as a result. If this project gets approval at the current numbers and proximities to homes, then I believe not only my local council, but all government bodies have not supported its people to the best of its abilities.

If you can aid in removing my family from this situation by purchasing our home with fair compensation, then we would be only too happy to move and have to start all over again. Since this is most unlikely, then we oppose this project strongly and urge you to examine the growing evidence

from all over the world as to the negative impacts of wind turbines and people's health. Wind turbines don't have health problems, they just make money. People have health problems and are actually responsible for the financial running of our great country. As a school teacher I am disgusted also that you are even considering this project due to the proximity of turbines to schools and to the danger to wildlife such as the wedge tail eagles that fly all over the space you want to approve seven of these turbines near dunstaffnage lane.

This project has already divided a community, please don't let it ruin anyone lives any further. Place these turbines in places where there are no homes, such as the land around cadia mine for example, or closer to mount canobolas, or in the state forests, or further west on larger properties. There are so many other examples or possibilities, please do not rush this project through to the detriment of its residents.

Yours faithfully

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SENATOR JOHN MADIGAN
DLP Senator for Victoria

Media release
Smoke, mirrors and public deceit
For immediate release

Tuesday, October 25

Questioning of the Department of Health and Ageing during Senate Estimates last week cast great doubt over the legitimacy of positioning wind farms in rural areas and the wind energy conglomerates which recommended them.

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) was questioned about its decision to wait to correct its statement "There is currently no published scientific evidence to positively link wind turbines with adverse health effects," to the public until May 2012.

Senator Madigan said the council's lack of urgency on matters of public health was nothing short of abuse. "The Government is knowingly doing harm to its citizens by ignoring recent findings. This is against public policy."

"There is plenty of published scientific evidence and recent health reports that link industrial wind turbines and the serious health effects of living too close to them. This evidence is being ignored as it does not sit with the current political agenda".

"I personally know it has terrible health effects. I have people coming to my electoral office who are suffering the effects of wind farms being too close to their homes. They are in tears, distraught and feel that their health is simply being ignored."

"Residents have had wind farms built too close to their homes and as a result have had to leave their properties to protect their health."

"These wind farms are destroying the lives and the health of so many Australians – lives the government has a duty to protect."

"It should not be up to members of the public who have been driven out of house and home to prove to the Government that wind farms are making them ill. The onus should be on the multimillion dollar companies to prove that there are no adverse health effects."

"Serious health concerns were raised by health professionals in submissions to the Senate Inquiry into the Social and Economic Impact of Rural wind Farms."

"It appears the overwhelming majority of submissions to the inquiry were simply ignored. The inquiry received more than 1000 submissions and made only seven recommendations – none of which have seen the light of day."

"The next time the Senate sits I will be demanding for either that inquiry to be re-opened, or another inquiry opened to look at the health and safety impacts of these wind farms."

Case puts wind farms in doubt

- by: *Rebecca Puddy*
- From: *The Australian*
- October 14, 2011 12:00AM

A COURT challenge in South Australia could disrupt plans to develop wind farms across the country after AGL Energy conceded tests at its wind farm in the state's northeast detected a tonal noise above government-set limits.

The legal challenge by South Australian farmer Bill Quinn centres on an argument that the turbines in AGL Energy's Hallett Wind Farm emit excessive noise that results in the sleep deprivation of residents living within 3.5km.

"It's the noise of the things and how close they are to houses," Mr Quinn said yesterday.

"The sound flows like water from the blades of the turbines, and it's so bad up around Mount Bryan that many people have been forced to move away."

The Victorian government last month honoured an election promise to place strict controls on how close wind farm developments could be built in proximity to houses and regional towns.

In NSW, the O'Farrell government is reviewing restrictions on wind farm developments that could put similar controls in place.

After losing his court case in the state's environment court in November last year, Mr Quinn yesterday began his appeal to the Supreme Court to overturn the Goyder Council's approval for AGL Energy to develop Hallett Wind Farm, a project comprised of five wind farms and more than 200 turbines.

Mr Quinn's appeal hinges on new evidence discovered since losing his initial court case: evidence AGL found wind turbines at Hallett Wind Farm emitted an audible tonal noise.

In a statement to the Supreme Court, Mr Quinn's counsel, Brian Hayes QC, said noise testing conducted since the initial trial had resulted in AGL shutting down eight of its turbines and showed neither AGL's existing wind farm nor the proposed wind farm were "capable of satisfying the Environmental Protection Authority's wind turbine noise limit of 40 decibels".

The manufacturer of the turbines, Suzlon, continues to expand its operations in Australia. In August, it announced plans to build a further 180 turbines on South Australia's Yorke Peninsula.

OPEN LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
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23/09/11

Your Excellency,

I am writing to you, hoping that you will listen to people like me that have had experience living very close to Wind Turbines (Farm). We have had our whole lives destroyed from living extremely close to a very poorly planned wind farm built by Acciona Energy Company (Spain).

We have 4200 acres at Waubra, our whole farm is surrounded by Wind Turbines. Our family home is 800 to 900 metres from 4 turbines.

Acciona has purchased 8 homes. I can't work it out, the company keeps telling us there is no problem at Waubra but why have they purchased 8 properties? We think it was because the turbines were too close to homes, and were too noisy.

All those families did not want to leave their homes but they had no choice because of the health impacts. Living too close to the wind farm has destroyed what they once had too. The Primary School has about 20 less children because so many families in the area have moved away and we are one of those families. My son has had to leave Waubra Primary school.

We had no choice but to walk away from our family home because the health impact and noise from the wind turbines was so bad. I have had people call me from all over the place, WA, QLD, NSW, SA and America asking for advice. People all over the world are having the same problems. The turbines at Waubra were the biggest turbines that had been built and they are only going to get bigger and the health problem will as well.

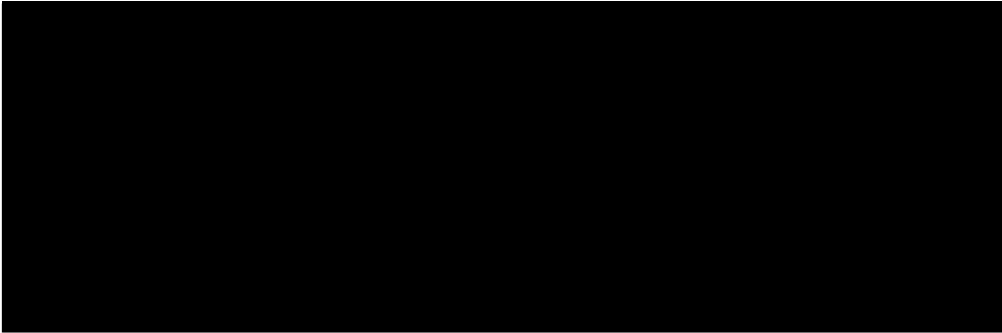
I just don't understand why these Wind Farms aren't being built all over Australia's open country and why are Wind Farms being built or approved to be built in places where people live. It is very un-Australian to be forced out of your home and have to purchase a house in Ballarat. It has put huge financial pressure on my family and I but we had no choice but to leave. Our health is number one and it was really suffering, living so close to wind turbines. I do not want this to happen to other Australian families.

Wind Farms have got to be better planned and there has got to be a health and impact study done properly. The Senate Inquiry recommended RESEARCH, as well as independent noise monitoring INSIDE people's homes, but NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE. We as people living 900 metres from wind turbines are living proof that there is a very, very serious health problem living too close to wind turbines. The only thing in our life that has changed is the Waubra Wind Turbines have been built in our backyard.

We as Australians do not just walk away from our home we built ten years ago for no reason. We have a very big problem at Waubra. Acciona submitted their first year report in last October but the Minister clearly was not satisfied with the report. I just don't understand how a non compliant wind farm can still operate if the Victoria planning Minister Matthew Guy has not signed off on the wind farm which has been in full operation for 2 years this September. The minister still knows there is a problem with the non compliant wind farm. What is he going to do to fix up the current mess he inherited.

I am no expert, I am a farmer and a Mother of three children. We all care for our environment, we plant thousands and thousands of native trees each year on our farm. We are living proof that wind turbines built too close to homes is not the answer. I am worried that this Federal Government is going to drive many more families off their farms with the proposed carbon tax, as it will just be

used to build more wind turbines, too close to homes and working farms. I have told Julia Gillard about my family's situation, but she's not listening. Nobody is listening...
The Government has failed to protect the health of my family. Please do not let what has happened to my family, happen to anyone else. Please stop giving Australia's money away to Spain and making us sick.



Important Facts on Wind Turbines

Wind Turbines are industrial structures that are being built in rural areas throughout Australia and the world with serious reported impacts.

These include:

1. Visual Pollution
2. Destruction of flora and fauna
3. Devaluation of affected land and surrounding land
4. Safety issues relating to blade throw and fire dangers, and the inability to fight fires near turbines.
5. Shadow Flicker
6. Destruction and safety of usually already dangerous country roads
7. Noise pollution both audible and infrasound
8. Destruction of historic, heritage and cultural areas
9. Reduced agricultural productivity
10. Division of rural communities and alienation within families
11. Destruction of rural social infrastructure
12. Health Impacts including:

- . *Chronic severe sleep deprivation*
- . *Headache*
- . *Tinnitus, Ear pressure*
- . *Dizziness, Vertigo*
- . *Nausea*
- . *Visual Blurring*
- . *Tachycardia (rapid heart rate)*
- . *Heart attacks (including Tako Tsubo episodes)*
- . *Irritability*
- . *Confusion / reduced Concentration / Memory Problems*
- . *Panic Episodes with Internal Pulsation/Quivering*
- . *Severe depression*
- . *Worsening control of pre-existing and previously stable medical problems such as angina, hypertension (high blood pressure) diabetes, migraines, tinnitus, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder.*

These symptoms have been reported widely around the world for some years and as turbines have become bigger the problems have also increased.

There is insurmountable evidence that these symptoms are very real and being reported up to 10km from turbines.

Be aware that a recent Canadian (Ontario) court judgement (July 2011) found that on the basis of expert evidence provided to that court, industrial Wind turbines can cause adverse health effects, if sited too close to homes, and that more research is required

*This case has successfully shown that the debate should not be simplified to one about **whether** wind turbines can cause harm to humans. The evidence presented to the Tribunal demonstrates that they **can**, if facilities are placed too close to residents. The debate has now evolved to one of **degree**.*

The first lawsuit has just been lodged in Ontario, on the grounds of damage to human health.

The Victorian Government has brought in legislation in August this year regulating the distance wind turbines can be set back from residences. Whilst the legislation may not be enough to protect some residents it is a start in the right direction and recognises some governments are finally taking the health of Australians seriously.

There needs to be a moratorium and the research needs to be done to determine what is a safe setback before any more wind turbines developments are built in NSW The National Party agrees and passed a resolution to that effect at its recent annual conference.

Wind Developers and government authorities can no longer hide behind ignorance. It will not be accepted as a legal defence.

For more information there are many websites; we have listed below a few with up to date, accurate information:

www.windvigilance.com

www.windwatch.org

www.epaw.org

www.windturbinesyndrome.com

www.waubrafoundation.com.au

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