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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: HILLS OF GOLD WIND FARM APPLICATION NO. SSD 9679

- I am attaching my submission to the above mentioned development application
- I hereby declare that I object to the Hills of Gold Wind Farm proposal ID no. SSD 9679
- I would like my personal details withheld
- I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous 2 years



Signature

SUBMISSION FOR OBJECTION TO THE HILLS OF GOLD WINDFARM PROPOSAL NO SSD9679.

Reason for objection BAROMETRIC AIR PRESSURE CHANGE CAN CAUSE HEADACHES – NWFC DOES NOT CARE..

In the first instance MDA personal advised my family that our headaches were most likely from air pressure change while removing noise testing equipment from within our former home in the presence of ACCIONA people .

At this time the EPA officer advised me that the planning permit protected us from harm , but this was not so as the intent of the planning permit was constantly being changed to suit the wishes of the developer .

Firstly the Noise Monitoring Plan condition 17 was changed from being commissioned by the planning minister to being commissioned by the Proponent /Operator .

Then the planning department changed the wording of our complaint to be failure to comply with the issued permit instead of being the operating stage of the permit , the department said that were satisfied ACCIONA had complied to permit conditions in that the Operational Environmental Management Plan OEMP , was authored and approved without considering the requirements specified in the complaint Procedure of that plan representing condition 14 .

Then when I went to the planning department and enquired why there was not complaint investigation report for our complaint I was told that People for ACCIONA came into the planning department office at Ballarat and requested that Condition 15 a,b and c were not to ACCIONA,s wish and this was changed by placing another Complaint Management Procedure in the Noise Monitoring Plan , the consequence was that the Planning department had TWO complaint management plans one approved by the planning minister ,and another that ACCIONA used their own being only noise monitoring which was being done using the noise descriptor LA95 instead of the EPA noise descriptor guideline in the OEMP being LAeq .

The monitoring plan only provided results to complainants after about 18 months and not the 10 days as was required until ACCIONA changed to the monitoring Plan condition 17 instead of Condition 15 by using Complaint Procedure 4.4 of the OEMP.

NO INVESTIGATION REPORT - This Change caused by ACCIONA resulted in my family getting no report at all, and those who made complaints after my family were provided reports after 10/12/2010 , our complaint was lodged 26 May 2009 , this approach is most unfair treatment , in that people have to either move or suffer for up to 18 months before getting any investigation report .

The problem with the reports in the monitoring plan authored by ACCIONA used the background LA95 assessment method instead of the International Standard LAeq , background LA95 is only to be used in the absence of any noise under investigation .The planning Minister and his department and the people at ACCIONA and the EPA have failed to consider this information at the peril of those who have died or are living in despair because of the long period of time between when a noise related complaint is made and the required by law - sound pressure measurement and assessment process identified in the approved planning permit specified proper objective (measurement and assessment) investigation ,but that was never ever done because of ACCIONA,s constant abuse of power to avoid proper testing .

The planning Department has no evidence of our complaint investigation and the National Wind Farm Commissioner could not care less .

I took our complaint to the National Wind Farm Commissioner in early 2016 after the Planning Department told me that they had no evidence of compliance to permit condition 14 within 10 mts of our dwelling at 377 stud farm road in 2014, this was after we had sold all our farming properties to relocate to our farming locations for me to make a claim a put in an ambient claim. This claim specified the loss we had suffered in excess of 2 million dollars.

At our meeting the NWFC refused to read the Dean Report after 3 requests was made during our meeting, the NWFC told us to move on at this meeting stating that his family had been burnt out on two occasions and they moved on, the difference between his family and ours was that his family had an opportunity to claim insurance for losses, our complaint there was no insurance available, even if there was we could not ever live on the properties again until the cause of our complaint was resolved, the NWFC refused us resolution process even though resolution of operating noise compliant was his terms of reference being the commissioner.

The Dean reports 2010 and 2014 identified the problems relating to the way noise investigations were being done illegally by MDA that did not reflect the need to identify the sound level measure and assessment /air pressure variations that we had been subjected to. The NWFC said that we would be outside of the 40dBA contour, I said that we were not (SAC,s were identified in the Wind test report, confirmed in the Dean Report and theMDA report, both reports recommended more testing to be done) the presence of SAC,s carries a 5dBA penalty making a limit exceeding 35dBA non compliant) with the predicted noise level of 39 dBA in the Dean Report and around 38 dBA to 40 dBA in the MDA pre Construction.

So what is the use of a noise limit that he claims is 40dBA if this sound level is not checked, if must be important that it was said that any predicted level of 34dBA would comply with permit by a margin of 6dBA, this level was only obtainable when 50 turbines were operating in low noise mode, there is no evidence that nearby turbines were operating in low noise mode, in ACCIONA,s own authored Noise Monitoring plan the predictions were said to be predicted 45dBA LAeq at most location, therefore ACCIONA knew we were to be affected by Prediction, The NWFC trusted ACCIONA instead of assessing our complaint based on independent objective evidence.

The NWFC corrupted our complaint by changing our complaint from within 10 mts of our dwelling to OR AT A NEARBY LOCATION, this change corrupted our complaint to such an extent that the conduct of the NWFC is questionable at best. When we made our complaint to The NWFC I was not aware that ACCIONA had changed the wording by adding OR AT A NEARBY LOCATION to let ACCIONA off the hook. This change was made just prior to the Senate inquiry of 2015 so as ACCIONA could claim compliance to our complaint so as to continue obtaining around 30million dollars in government subsidies each and every year in effect the total value of \$450 Million was to be returned to ACCIONA in 15 years, The Minister for Planning sent a letter to ACCIONA dated February 2015 saying that he was currently satisfied the Wind Energy Facility Development had complied with condition 14, which was not true as there is not evidence in regards to being within 10 mts of our dwelling as specified in condition 14.

This conduct is unlawfull and discriminates against those who are feeling very ill to a point that some of my fiends have taken their lives, not only by the effects of air pressure variations but the constant corruption of proper processes that are required to protect people from unlawfull use of wind turbines that are known to make noise.

Prior to the Wind Farm Hearing for the Waubra Wind Farm the Chairperson told me that we would be subject to plenty of noise outside of our dwelling, he asked the developer what was the predicted noise for our property and was told 34 dBA, after the panel had left my soun heard the developer say the sound level was predicted to be 32 to 38 dBA therefore with the SAC,s indicated in the pre construction wind test report, the penalty of 5 dBA for the wind farm, the Wind Farm was never going to comply without corruption.

The National Wind Farm Commissioner could not care less if the predictions were not checked by measurement.

ADVERSE HEALTH AFFECTS SUFFERED AT WIND FARMS WILL CONTINUE UNTILL COMPLAINTS ARE RESOLVED .

My experience tells me that wind farm developers can not be trusted with the truth and that people will suffer .A review of evidence to ensure that if guidelines have been met at windfarm found NO evidence of compliance to planning guidelines . Planning panels are required to be independent but this is not True . Advise at one of the wind farm hearings was that the Developer pays for the hearing Process , provides draft planning permit conditions that do not provide complaint procedure prior to permit being issued ,this condition at WAubra happened after turbines started operating for testing .

Complaints for us related to noise/sound /vibration - noise is what that is heard over 35dBA , sound is what that is measured and assessed objectively SAC,s , and vibration is that which was felt sore ears nausea .

Noise swooshing sound by pass frequency of blades , a large swoosh in the downward motion from the top of the arc , a short sharp flick sound when measured is in the high frequency sound range , and mechanical noise as well sounds the replecate wave action at the sea which is mainly high frequency sound as this is readily heard.

The vibration is the frequency of air pressure change , this was realized when our ears became sore inside this I believe has a large part to play in the wellbeing of complainants from wind turbine noise, this sound is picked up closer to turbines and inside buildings and inside vehicles as in air pressure that resonates from hard surfaces the air pressure movment is low frequency but more often than not this low frequency pulsing contains high frequency sounds upto 10,000 hz this has a profound affect and very easily measured and assessed , the motion sickness can be experience in and around building or hard surfaces the startling affect of high frequency sound penetrating the threshold of hearing can be traumatic to some people .

The syptoms present as pain in the head ,headaches , sore in ears , pain in the head when stationary , hard to control bowel and urine release , these situation makes for lack of sleep and urgent visits to the toilet , the need for pain relief after exposure to some noise events amd or air pressure variations like opening and closing doors too quickly , other syptoms includes anxiety , tend to talk louder , in ability to remember the second part of a sentence when interrupted . A number of people at Waura have suffered stokes ,many people are complaining they can not work like they were able to , my son can I double up with pain in lower chest even though we no longer live at the wind farm , I was advised a lot of the pain I was suffering was because I was not breathing correctly , using this advice my ability to breathe without pain is improving , My son is seeking medical advice but no doctor will talk about being a result of being exposed to air pressure change, this needs to be addressed with provision of air pressure chanbers for people to have easy access to ,with medical supervision provided .

The misleading information put forward by many people publically about what people are complaining about , there was a situation where at a wind farm gathering at Warnambool when a question by a high profile person , asked a crowd of people who were in favour of wind turbines ? this was a stupid question to ask when there are people being affected , this is not a situation based on opinion .

What is the sound levels and sound character when the sound is measured and assessed against that required by the standards , is what should be challenged and not targeting the people making complaints , we are being treated as being guilty of trouble making without any evidence, even the chairperson for the WAubra Wind Farm said wind farm turbines make a lot of noise , and yet no low noise mode operation was employed at Waubra . It is the responsibility of the Planning Minister. people having trouble with wind farm noise are too ill to continue corresponding National Wind Farm Commissioner he could not care less by refusing conciliation .