

Submissions regarding effect of wind farms on community

I live in an area in which a wind farm has been operating for many years. (Windy Hill , between Herberton/Ravenshoe Far North Queensland).

I have also travelled extensively during my life time and visited many of the world's very large windfarms in Denmark/Europe.

In my opinion they are (compared to massively polluting coal-fired generators, excessively noisy motor-cycles, motor cars with modified noisy exhausts etc, aircraft) absolutely non-aggressive towards both the environment and the public. The blades rotate at such a slow speed that they pose no danger to bird life (Birds generally avoid most vehicles travelling at very high speed).

The low noise level of the wind farm blades is in no way invasive (a steady low-frequency "swish" and not intermittent bursts of high volume screeches as emitted by some vehicles).

Wind blows over a 24-hour period, unlike sunlight on which photo-voltaic cells depend.

I would suggest that many of those who oppose renewal energy systems do so because of financial interests in property development etc, rather than the well-being of future generations.

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