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To The Committee,

I am extremely concerned about the adverse effects to health and lifestyle that have now come to light in association with living in close proximity to wind turbines.

Many friends of ours have suffered a range of symptoms from irritating rashes, severe headaches, high blood pressure, constant insomnia, acute dizziness and vertigo.

I am extremely worried that my three sons who live with their father _____, on their property _____ will be adversely affected by the construction of the Lexton wind farm.

They live approximately 5.5 km's from the Waubra wind towers and already have trouble sleeping because of the interminable droning hum emitted from the wind towers..

The Lexton wind towers will be much closer to their farmhouse, a distance of 1.5 km's from their property. I fear that the noise emitted at this close range can only be worse than it is at present.

I am also concerned that I myself will suffer from severe headaches and migraines. I go to my sons' house at Lexton on a daily basis to help with the everyday running of the farm. I have a brain tumor and am very worried that my health will be adversely affected. My sons would find it very difficult without my help.

Another major concern for our family is the conflict caused by the wind towers amongst the community. Many of our friends have left the district due to this dissension, their houses purchased or "bought out" by Acciona the energy company. Within the contracts of sale, confidentiality clauses, prohibiting them from speaking out against the company, stop them from telling their horrific and heartbreaking stories.

Many farmers who are gaining financially from the wind towers are ridiculing and scorning those who are suffering from ill health. This has caused a major rift in the community, although as time goes by many of these people are themselves suffering ill health effects. They however cannot publicly complain as they too have signed confidentiality clauses. My three sons are too afraid to mention wind towers around Waubra or Lexton as there is this constant conflict amongst the people who gain financially and those who do not.

Apart from distressing social conflicts and health worries there exists the basic fact that property values will drop considerably. We have been informed by a local real estate agent that the value of our property will drop by 2/3rds if situated within sight of any wind towers. This would result in a very significant loss to our family as many blocks of the property would be suitable for lifestyle opportunities.

As for local employment opportunities, after completion of the Waubra towers there seem to be none. I expect the same will apply at Lexton. Suck the locals in, chew them up and spit them out when the job is done. This is a case of a big company coming to a little country town, destroying it, and moving on.

I am writing this letter asking for help. I know that it may be too late for the Waubra wind farm but something needs to be done before any more of these monstrous wind factories are built, I beg of you, please do something about it.