

Hello

I am a resident of the Beetaloo Valley where there is a proposed series of towers to be erected if approved by our Government. Where our property is situated is less than 1 Km in places to where the sites are for the towers.

Both my partner and I are heading into our sixties.

My concerns are :-

What effects it will have on our health....the documentation and studies done overseas is overwhelming and the list of people suffering from the effects of the Towers not only in our State of SA but all over Australia where they are located near homes is constantly being ignored by our state and federal leaders to satisfy a political agenda.

When residents do finally get compensation from the energy companies, they then have to sign confidentiality contracts (hush money) so they don't get bad publicity, So the real truth of really how bad they are affecting people's health, is kept quiet.

The devaluation of our property as this will have a huge effect on us when we are due to retire, and as we get older, will need to relocate depending on how our health goes.

Also the fact that everywhere there are houses near wind towers and are vacant they don't sell...really who wants to live near one of those monsters...let alone the ill effects from them !

Origin Energy proposes to build them in the Flinders Ranges. WHY? It's one of our greatest assets why would our government allow this to happen. The local councils both Northern Areas and Port Pirie regulate areas where the Towers are proposed to be located and both councils have NON industrial development bylaws, which seem to me that our State Government can just override by calling it a major project. In order to build these Towers they have to construct 12 metre wide roads that can not have a greater gradient than 5 degrees as the 500 tonne cranes that are required to move these towers into position cannot be moved at any greater degree than this. That means knocking off the tops of the ranges and filling in the valleys. My goodness, where has common sense gone? How can we continue to rape and pillage our country in order to satisfy a popular political agenda. I know for a fact that there are plenty of alternatives that will not have such an impact as this proposal will for many, not only those of us who live in the region.

Also to even consider the Flinders Ranges as a possible development site for wind towers beggars belief, the one of the greatest attractions for South Australia and Mr Rann seems to have no qualms about destroying their aesthetic beauty.

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