

Dear Senate enquiry

I believe the wind farm industry has in the past fooled this countries politicians and certain elements of the community into thinking that we need their product to mitigate climate change.

If you really believe in climate change and want to continue to live a standard of life like we do today then there is no place for wind turbines anywhere but on private residences who have no access to grid system electricity.

Large grid connected windfarms are a nonsense, not only do they serve no purpose in providing a reliable flow of electricity but the effects on those living close to them are harmful in many ways.

Why should those living close be financially disadvantaged by the proximity of a windfarm? what have they done to deserve this? At the nearby Waubra Windfarm, Acciona energy have purchased at least 14 properties that i know of, why? Why did the residents want to leave? Why did they make them all sign gag orders? Big business with big money can run all over the top of a small town, community spirit is totally buggered, more people leave every month, including those with turbines on their land.

If your aim is to mitigate climate change, then windfarms are very clearly having no effect, infact it could be said they are increasing the problems. We do not need 2 electricity systems running side by side, why invest in the infrastructure for wind when it has not been able to reduce the use of coal or gas anywhere on the planet? The investment is only made viable due to the handouts on offer from the consumers and im sick of paying more for electricity to fund this rubbish.

I can only imagine the urban green groups writing in to support wind power, but when considering their opinions please take into account the fact that most of them have never lived in a rural community and although they are concerned about climate change I bet none of them have kept temperature or rainfall records and have any idea if climate change really exists, I bet none of them have an affinity with the land and landscape that surrounds their homes and i bet none of them give a damn about the effects wrongly sited wind turbines will have on those in rural areas.

This enquiry is to examine the effects of turbines, it is not for the lunatic fringe fan club to hop up and down in blind support of something they know very little about at the expense of those that will be effected.

Please also consider the fact that many of the so called clubs and community groups that are making submissions to this enquiry are being paid by the operators of the turbines, Pacific Hydro are well known for making payments to groups in areas where they operate turbines such as Ararat and Portland. I would hope that all groups making submissions would disclose this fact or I would suggest very little credence be given to their submissions.

The wind industry is full of spin and lies, its time it was opened up to greater transparency and less handouts.