

Senate Inquiry Wind Farms

Thankyou for accepting this submission to your inquiry on Wind Farms. There should not have been a need to have the inquiry in the first place. The Local, State and Federal governments should know from the complaints, concerns and negative media publicity regarding Wind Farms, that action to stop the uncontrolled expansion of the Wind Industry should have happened years ago. We all know that Australia has some of the best solar resources in the world and this is the energy source in combination with hydro and natural gas we should be focusing on in this stage of energy expansion.

The well publicised health issues caused by the Warbra Wind Farm should be enough for government departments to question the relevance of Wind Farms in the energy mix. Real people are being effected and it is about time people out in rural areas were listened to and not ignored by the decision makers in the city influenced by city electorates.

I have been opposing the Bald Hills Wind Farm for 9 years and it is well recognised as being inappropriately sited. It is situated midway and in a direct line between Andersons Inlet and Corner Inlet N and NW of Wilsons Prom. Migratory bird species from the northern hemisphere will fly straight through this Wind Farm if it is ever built. The site straddles a major tourist road near the coast. There are 21 houses within 2km of the nearest turbine which contravenes the Wind Industry policy of the new Victorian government.

The previous Government had no real Wind Farm policy with no meaningful setbacks the result being Wind Farm being constructed far to close to peoples homes in rural areas. The point is there will be dozens of people affected by noise/sound from these turbines if it goes ahead. The Bald Hills Wind Farm would never be built under the new Vic Government policy.

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