

Senate Wind farm Inquiry

Submission to the Senate Community Affairs References Committee report on the social and economic impacts of rural wind farms.

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I would like to comment on the following:

(a) Any adverse health effects for people living in close proximity to wind farms

There is enough evidence now available both within Australia and abroad that there are adverse health effects suffered by some residents living close to wind towers. Realistically, there should be an immediate halt to the installation of any more towers until sufficient research has been undertaken to satisfy all concerned parties.

(b) Concerns over the excessive noise and vibrations emitted by wind farms, which are in close proximity to people's homes

There are many residential dwellings very close to (less than 1km) the proposed sites for wind towers in our area and the potential issues are quite obvious.

(c) The impact of rural wind farms on property values, employment opportunities and farm income

The Beetaloo Valley community is very concerned of the impact on all lifestyle and employment factors in the area if this project proceeds.

(d) The interface between Commonwealth, state and local planning laws as they pertain to wind farms

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(e) Any other relevant matters.

The Beetaloo Valley / Collaby Hill area is a very fragile part of the beautiful Southern Flinders ranges, in terms of flora and fauna and it would be an absolute tragedy if the long term future of this wonderful place was put at risk.

The potential health and bushfire risks associated with wind farms in close proximity to landholders means their introduction to this magnificent piece of native bushland could end in disaster !