

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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Submission summary statement

I would like to comment on the following:

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

Having been employed in a maintenance crew on a working wind farm and having experienced slight headaches myself during my time at work, I have concerns for the people who will have to live in the same area as wind farms.

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

As stated above I have personal experience with wind farms and know just how noisy they are. I could not imagine what it would be like to live with it all the time.

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

Most jobs on the wind farms are taken by interstate workers who follow the construction phase around from area to area. Very few jobs are taken by locals as they don't have the necessary skills.

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

[Insert your comment here]

(e) Any other relevant matters.

Independent assessment of the effects of wind farms on animals and humans needs to be conducted.

From my experience wind towers are extremely high maintenance. Because of their high maintenance levels I feel they will become a burden on our society.

In the time I was working on them I have seen a number of 7500 kilogram blades cracked from normal use (Hallet 1 and Snowtown) See photo 4

Maintenance men working on towers at Snowtown have unofficially reported cracks in some concrete bases

The burning of three towers and then the catastrophic failure of one of them at Starfish Hill. See Photos 1-3

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