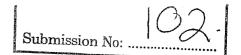
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I would like to make a submission to the inquiry. I live in a beautiful part of Australia and have been party to, or observed 4 proposals for windfarms.

My observation is that proposals are developed without consulting the community or other stakeholders who may be affected by the development.

This results in creating misinformation, mistrust, anxiety, stress and devisivness throughout the community. This continues on well after the turbines are erected as those affected try in vain to get their lives 'back on track'. I have observed serious health consequences as a result of proposed and erected wind turbines. There are no clear guidelines in plain English so that communities can monitor or have imput into the operations of the turbines, even when they believe the company is breaching 'regulations'. People who are affected by the turbines feel powerless and their quality of life is drastically reduced.

When windfarms are being developed information lacks credibility causing unrest and disbelief thoughtput communities. What was once a close knit caring community sharing the same values and promoting well being for families and children is now divided with much bitterness permeating in all aspects of community life

At all stages in the development of windfarm proposals and then during and after the wind turbines are in operation there is a serious lack of consultation with communities or the local authorities such as local Councils. Regulations for noise monitoring are inadequate and the processes for collecting data and reporting to any authority seriously lacking.

If wind farms are to be part of our energy industry then the federal government needs to put in place appropriate regulations and processes so that communities are consulted adequately and are able to participate in tribunals or panels knowing their information and efforts will be taken seriously . If a community collectively doesnt want windfarms across its vista then guidelines should support this and developers find alternative sites.

I look forward to the government listening to communities and developing appropriate guidelines that look after all stakeholders but most importantly, the communities who are to be affected and have to live with windturbines Thank you