

Waubra Wind Farm Submission:

My husband, Rod Dean, and I have been greatly affected by the Waubra Wind Farm. My husband is a farmer, based in Waubra neighbouring the 128 turbine farm. It has been our plan for several years to build our future home on the farm, however the adverse medical side effects of the turbines have made this dream impossible. When Rod started to experience ill effects of the Wind Farm, he decided to sell his own block and we purchased a different piece of property closer to Learmonth. We had hopes of being able to build on this land instead, however recent noise tests have indicated that it is also too close to the wind farm to guarantee that we will be able to live there safely. Due to the wind farm, we have to continue to live in Ballarat, instead of on the land.

We have recently had a child, and Rod will not allow me or our baby to go to the farm for fear that we may also get sick from the turbines. This means that I can no longer help Rod with his work and our child and I cannot spend time with Rod whilst he is at work. This has meant that during the recent harvest there were days when Rod did not see his baby at all. It is the norm that farmers spend time with their families over lunch and during breaks to compensate for their long hours, but this is not possible for us.

Since the turbines started spinning at Waubra I have noticed changes in my husband. The headaches and earaches make him tired and irritable and he is unsettled about our future. Before the turbines came to Waubra he had a clear plan, not only for the business but for our future as a young family. Now, in direct causality of the turbines, our plans are destroyed.

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