

To Senators,

I am an Allendale East resident in south east South Australia and have grave concerns about the wind farms that are to be built here. I don't believe consultation was adequate enough for the magnitude of this project so close to the town, surrounding dwellings & especially the school. The only consultation supplied was propaganda supplied by a company who will benefit from the development with all positives and no negatives whatsoever. After finding out that the turbines are only going to be 1km from our dwellings and a couple of hundred metres from our property boundary, we now have conducted some research of our own. As knowledge comes apparent our apathy turns to anger, living so close to turbines. The advantage we have on other communities that entered naively into wind factories and have nothing but bad reports is that we can learn from their experiences. The question is why do these companies compensate or buy out the people that complained, but then they are gagged by confidentiality agreements making it difficult to find out the true ramifications of living in close proximity of dwellings & townships near turbines. The company, Acciona and the local Council claim that there was complete support by the local community for this project but we have proved otherwise, with approximately 150 members of our small community so far signing a petition against the project and at this stage 60 signing Statutory Declarations against it. An unbiased and open discussion about living in close proximity to wind farms with the community informed on a broader base of the possible affects both positive & negative should have been done. A plan of this magnitude should be discussed and council consultation reopened, with affected people. There was a lot of information whether there is any affect living so close to turbines, why hasn't the information provided by people who have experienced this already been supplied. Our research proves many people have been affected enough to move or take legal action. Why are we entering this with only one side of evidence and if residents get affected whether by sight or noise pollution and want to sell, why would other people want to purchase this problem and ultimately this will devalue homes and properties. We have small children and live within 1km of many proposed turbines and then our children travel to school which will be no more than 2km from turbines and we are afraid of the long term affects it will have on them, which are becoming more and more prevalent as time goes by they will be living with it day & night.

In other parts of the world there are restrictions of where wind farms can be built from townships & dwellings, why shouldn't Australia adopt these policies, as they have experiences we are just embarking on? Consultation was not adequate enough and we can prove this with a lack of knowledge from us, our neighbours and people of the township of exactly how it will affect us. The company is helping the community by donating money to the local hall, committees and kindy etc, which locals are blinded by and we see as bribery. We are not against wind farms but do not want it near our township as there are more appropriate areas not close to townships or dwellings. People should be aware that because of the inefficiency of wind farms with an average in Australia of 17% of output potential and the unreliable nature of wind that existing generation will still be needed and ultimately upgraded as current power stations are into their used-by dates and unable to handle the fluctuating grid demand therefore wasting fuels. And therefore will be responsible for extra large jumps in power prices without or with very little reduction in carbon output, rewarding multi-national companies with taxpayers money. Solar should be an alternate option as a level output is possible everyday, and small house owners and businesses can

participate, creating new local industries that don't offend as wind turbines do. Solar also produces energy where its used and ultimately subsidises users of their rising electricity bills. State planning laws must be reviewed and nationally implemented.

Yours sincerely

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