

## **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**

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*[You can comment on all or some of the following terms of reference]*

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.*

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

*Very concerned in this regard, as I only recently moved to the area and am paying off a loan*

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

*n/a*

**(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.*