

8th February, 2011

Department of the Senate
P O Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Submission for Steven Fielding's Senate Inquiry into Wind Farms

We write to you to submit our personal objection and concerns to be considered by the Senate Inquiry regarding the construction of new wind turbines

We request for our submission to be heard.

We currently reside at Dunnstown and our property adjoins a proposed wind farm site at Lal Lal, Victoria.

Our main concerns are of health issues due to the low frequency noise level's that will be produced. The Lal Lal wind farm noise limits were determined for 2MW turbines but the planning panel has allowed for 3MW turbines to be installed. This may lead to a large increase in noise levels. The practice of allowing for larger turbines is unfair and needs to be addressed at this inquiry.

The current acoustic standard for wind farms in Victoria is NZS6808:1998. It is out of date and is grossly inadequate. It does not allow for a number of factors that are inherent to modern day, larger turbines.

There are residents near operating wind farms that are experiencing sleep deprivation, high blood pressure, depression, anxiety, headaches and other health issues due to the constant noise from the towers. Some families have had to leave their homes without being able to sell their properties.

We also have concerns that in rural communities such as ours, the cooperation between neighbors is essential and I can see the effect of these proposals which have the opposite effect and in turn create a divide.

We have great concerns that wind towers will create a considerable devaluation of our property that we have worked all of our lives to own. As we are 80 year old + pensioners, you can understand the worry and torment this is causing us, emotionally and financially. Wind towers should be anywhere from 2Kms to 5kms away from dwellings to lesson the impact of any health associated issues.

We also have great concerns for the birds and wildlife that are abundant in this area including bats, Black Cockatoos and Wedge Tailed Eagles.

Yours faithfully,

Reginald & May Grills