

To The Secretary, Senate Committee on Wind Farms.....

Dear Sir/Madam.....Herewith my submission into your enquiry on wind farms. I will be grateful for you to include it when you make your final report.....

I wonder if any of your members have lived next to a wind farm. They should try it some time. The continuous hum from the turbines - without respite - makes life unbearable. As for trying to sell your property, forget it. No one is interested in buying a house next to such a noxious noise. No surprise, therefore, that the Danish Government - once the great advocates of wind power - has decided to push them offshore. Their so-called benefits, fitting into the latest Green buzzword - "renewable energy" - have been shattered by the latest news from Britain: they generated practically no electricity during the island's recent cold spell. Most of the 3000 - yes, 3000 - wind turbines stood still. And even when the wind did finally get up, they generated just 1.8 per cent of the nation's power needs. To add further insult, the authorities in South Australia - I don't know about elsewhere - have decreed that they cannot go into National Parks. Why not? And yet apparently these monsters which litter the landscape can despoil and devalue people's homes....It would be interesting to know the profit margin of these turbine companies, and how much Government subsidy they receive. In Britain, each 2MW turbine has earned its owners around 400,000 pounds a year, of which half is the hidden subsidy. Is this happening in Australia? It is something your committee should scrutinise very carefully.....Yours faithfully,
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