

My name is Barbara Nash and I live in Evansford.

I moved here in the year 2000 to enjoy a peaceful lifestyle. For almost 8 years I did enjoy the peace and tranquility and then a wind farm moved into the area. Originally my only concern was the visual destruction of the landscape. I did not realize that wind turbines would infringe on my quality of life.

The turbines were turned on in June/July, 2009, and at about that time I began to notice a decline in my health. I started to suffer with headaches and noticed I was very irritable and at times found it very difficult to concentrate. I also wake up during the night and have great difficulty going back to sleep.

I had absolutely no idea that these problems could be caused by wind turbines, but after talking to friends and neighbours in the area they too, suffer with the same problems and have done since Acciona switched on the Waubra Wind Farm.

Two of my closest friends who live close by, recently have been diagnosed with sleep apnoea (caused by turbines?) but unfortunately do not wish to bring it to the attention of Acciona for fear of intimidation.

Thankfully I cannot see the wind farm from my property due to a beautiful forest buffer zone but, I can at times, hear a droning noise from the nearest turbines which are approximately 3½ kilometres away.

I am very concerned that the value of my property has decreased since the wind farm began to operate and am worried that I will not be able to afford the retirement village lifestyle I had planned for myself.

FOR THE SAKE OF EVERYBODY'S SANITY –

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - NO MORE WIND FARMS.