

To The Committee,

I would like to make a submission to the Senate Community Affairs enquiry into the social and economic impact of Rural Windfarms for the following reasons.

I strongly oppose windfarms being built in closely settled areas because of noise, visual impact, shadow flicker, property devaluation, the elimination of aerial fire fighting and health issues.

I am a part-owner of the property Elm Grove situated next to the present Crookwell 1 wind farm and the proposed Crookwell 11 windfarm, should the latter be built the property will be surrounded on all sides with turbines of 128 meters within approximately 600 meters of the house.

The Department of Planning in their Report on the Assessment of the Development Application for Crookwell 11 accepted that the location and encircling nature of the proposed turbines would lead to significant cumulative impacts across the Elm Grove Property. The Hon. DUNCAN GAY when giving a speech in N.S.W. State Parliament on the situation of Elm Grove likened it to "THE CASTLE" with the proposed development making life unbearable for the Family.

The Dooley Family settled the property in 1860 and have no intention of selling it, but the property would be unsaleable if they did desire to. The residents living there suffer depression from sleep deprivation and headaches, from the noise of Crookwell 1, some of the residents are also suffering high blood pressure.

As medical research is finding health problems with people living near windfarms, I strongly recommend a set back distance of 10 kilometers from non host residences.

Yours Sincerely,

Colin Dooley