

Community Affairs References Committee,

RE: Inquiry into the Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms

Dear Committee Members:

First, I wish to applaud you for seeking submissions from concerned groups and individuals regarding the Social and Economic Impact of Wind Farms on people and the environment. It is also gratifying to learn that you have safeguarded the rights of potential witnesses bound by confidentially agreements; agreements possibly agreed to without full disclosure of possible consequences, by the Wind Farm Industry.

The need for alternative energy and hence, Wind Farms, is based entirely on the dubious hypothesis of Anthropomorphic Global Warming. Natural Climate Fluctuation is real and ongoing but the notion that human control of Greenhouse Gasses can alter the course of planetary climate progression is, in my view, the height of human hubris.

This makes Wind Farms an unwise and destructive cure for a mythical disease. Sufficient evidence now has been documented, showing that the proximity of wind farms cause distress and discomfort to people living nearby and may, in fact, have deleterious health effects. Others will, no doubt, elaborate extensively on these risks.

The European experience shows clearly that wind farms have serious economic consequences for individuals by lowering property values, but more profoundly, the quest for green energy through Wind Farm developments has had a negative impact on national economies by funneling government subsidy funds to the Wind Farm Industry, in the name of saving the planet - Funds that might have been used more productively to stabilize the troubled economies of many European nations. Because wind generated power is not sufficiently stable to stand alone and must be backed up by conventional energy generation, it is difficult to see how any true amelioration CO2 production is achieved – even if one accepts the premise of AGW.

There is no denying that Wind Turbines cause the destruction of avian life, large and small, rare and common. No similar destruction of wildlife, on such scale, would be accepted by modern society, were it to be properly documented and publicized, and were it not held justifiable in the cause of saving the planet – where it seems that the end justifies any means no matter how cruel and foolish.

The birds and bats of the world need a new Rachel Carson to champion their cause!

As a Canadian, I am grateful that the Wind Farm Industry, while trying hard, has not yet established itself as a power player in my country. Where Wind Farms have been introduced they are strongly contested. There is hope that as a nation we may yet be spared the proliferation of these expensive, dangerous and unproductive blights on our beautiful landscapes!

The points I have made are not novel and will, I am sure, be echoed by many groups and individuals bringing submissions to your committee. I hope you will receive them with an open and unbiased perspective that places human experience and empirical evidence above Green mythology. It is my opinion that Wind Farms benefit nothing and no one – other than the Wind Farm Industry!

I thank you for allowing me to add my thought to this serious matter, now before your committee.

Your very truly,

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