

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached our experiences, concerns and questions about the Cape Bridgewater wind farm, regarding health effects and damage to the Cape.

There are many other issues we have not mentioned regarding standard of workmanship on the towers themselves, conflict of interest because it is only hearsay and innuendo and we can't ensure its accuracy. I personally feel that these issues have merit.

My name is [REDACTED], we chose to relocate here in 1996 to a peaceful, pristine and isolated environment. Jeff Kennett once called Portland the toenail of Victoria.

The area was re-zoned to allow this industrial complex, the Cape Bridgewater wind farm to occur and has visually polluted this wonderful landscape.

The sacrifice of nearby family, friends and greater employment opportunities in the city, was not taken lightly. To say that we are shattered by our forced lifestyle change, is an understatement. My main concern is for the wellbeing of my family, especially my eight year old who has no say and may be greatly affected health wise in years to come. Real estate values have now plummeted due to proximity of the wind farm and therefore we cannot afford the expense of relocating. Three other families on the Cape have either shifted away, vacated their home or are working shiftwork and stay in town on a regular basis, we have no option.

I am an electrician with thirty years experience and am employed in trade teaching of apprentices and currently designing solar PV array grid connected systems. We have supported the wind farm from the beginning and were assured by representatives there were to be no noise or health effects, we took them at their word even though we had enormous doubts. We no longer support Pacific Hydro or the wind farm, they have not been good neighbours.

I wish to remain anonymous for the reasons which apparent in this submission, I request this to protect my family from any verbal backlash. At this point I don't seek media exposure, I had my say at the original hearing and experienced harassment from then on.

Hopefully no-one else has to experience what we are. Hopefully people will become more informed about 'the ill-wind that is blowing'.

Yours respectfully,  
[REDACTED] (anon)