

Dear People,

My home is in Wonthaggi close to the 6 turbines marring our magnificent wild coastline. I was an objector to their erection and spoke before the Panel. For the last several years I have observed them many, many times every day as on the vast coastal plain the wind turbines dominate the landscape. I am a close friend of Lois and Ken Townsend plant nursery owners whose property is 300 metres from the turbines. Because of the proximity of their home and business the company is compelled to submit to them a noise report regularly, and also attached is the total time the turbines actually are 'working'. This is about 19% of installed output (which would be 100% if they worked 24/7). Of course we all know the wind does not blow all of the time. So these 'wind machines' work 19% of the time. Deduct from this 19% 'output' the amount of power drawn FROM the grid to start the turbines (overcoming the inertia factor), and the percentage of 'output' is probably more like 16%.

NO DEVELOPER would consider erecting and owning wind turbines EXCEPT for the fact they PLUG STRAIGHT INTO AUSTRALIAN TAXPAYERS' MONEY!!! Wind Power is a Total Fraud - the biggest 'con' to governments around the world. The insatiable hunger for energy by Homo Sapiens, especially in developed countries must be sourced from other areas. Solar MUST be viable in a country like Australia, but for our politicians to 'bite the bullet' seems beyond them. Hundreds of species of organisms become extinct every day on our planet, and so will Homo Sapiens the way we are going. But wind energy as produced by massive turbines covering the countryside is NOT the answer, never has been and never will be, not even as part of the solution - the developers are laughing all the way to their banks. Surely there are sceptics in Canberra who doubt the 'spin' doled out by wind power. Take it from me, who sees them every day, the machines do not work efficiently. Let's get some constructive thinking happening amongst the politicians and bureaucrats, stop listening to the carpet baggers touting their inefficient product. Best wishes with your deliberations - I fear for the future for my beautiful grandchildren and our magnificent Planet Earth.

Yours faithfully,

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