

To whom it may concern:

My name is Shelley McDonald.

I have already submitted my objection to a wind farm that Acciona is trying to get up near the township of Mortlake in the western district of Victoria. Acciona put in a permit for two wind farms..... .. Mortlake East which consisted of 48 wind turbines and Mortlake South which consists of 51 turbines.

I started my submission to the panel hearing with these words:

I wish I had grey feathers , long skinny legs and had my life partner standing beside me, then perhaps I would have a whole department worrying about what effects 51 wind turbines 5 within 1.5 kilometers of my nest and 9 within 3 kilometers, the first one at 1.2 kilometers, will have on my very sick husband and myself.

The Brolgas were lucky, they did have people worrying about their nests and the Mortlake East wind farm was Knocked on the head by the pannel because of the Brolgas .

Not so lucky all the people having to live with these enormous noisey ugly wind turbines.

I employed Dr Thorne a noise specialist to give me a report on what effect the proximity and placement of the turbines would have on us and it was very concerning. I have that report on hand .

I have spoke to Dr Sara Laurie and have spoken to a lot of people who have been effected by the Waurbra wind farm and I hold grave concerns for my husbands health.

He suffered a major stroke 6 years ago, he lost his speech and his right side he suffers from seizures, regular tremors ,paranoia and has a obsessive compulsive disorder, anxiety and depression. As a result of this I have become his full time carer, the thought of now having to contend with a noisey and potentially hazardous wind factory is already having a stressfull effect on me.

After Colins stroke, we sold most of the farm and built a new house (more suited to Colins needs) down a very quiet road with a wonderful rural outlook and thought this would be very beneficial for us to help cope with our now very different and difficult life. Colin was only 57 when he suffered his stroke .

I first became aware of the wind factory when I was sent a plan with pictures of where the turbines would be placed, We had only been in our new home for 4 months. I was not told by the local shire of the proposal and if I had, I would have found a more suitable place to build our home.

Acciona didn't even place our home on the map when they submitted there permit, the planning minister at the shire was horrified by this and has since found out that there are many cottages in the area that acciona left of their map.

I have read a letter from the head of Elders Real Estate, Shane McIntyre, stating that a proliferation of wind towers adjacent to a property has the same effect as high voltage power lines, rubbish tips, piggeries, hatcheries and sewerage treatment plants, in that if buyers are given a choice, ,they choose not to be near any of these impediments.

Experts asses the losses of value to be in the excess of 30%, and sometimes up to half. What is to become of us if we cant live in our home, no one else will want to either.

The wind Factory company's are tearing once content and close knit communities apart and putting severe strain on great friendships and they haven't even been erected yet.

I am not an expert but I don't understand how anyone can use the term green when talking about wind factories. We all know, and after reading many articles and talking to lots of high profile and

intelligent people, that wind energy is the most inefficient and expensive form of power. The fact is most people see it as political nonsense, politicians just trying to keep the green vote!

Wind company's would have us believe these turbines have no effect on our health or our lives . So did the tobacco company's the asbestos company,s this is no different it will end with a lot of people in the courtroom.

I beg the government to show some commonsense and if we have to have wind power to ease people's conscience, so in their naivety they feel they are at least trying to save the planet, put them where people don't live and not all over productive farming land, has anyone had a good look at Spain and seen all the rusting wind towers all over the place, please don't ruin our country side with outdated turbines .I think we all know we will follow what is happening overseas, we will and should be Nuclear.

And I would like to take my hat off to Steve Feilding for having the courage to bring this topic which is worrying for so many people to this senate inquiry.

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