

To The Senate Enquiry regarding the Impact of Wind Farms on a Rural Community.

First of all I am concerned about the health issues in respect of living approximately 3.8 km from the proposed wind farm at Flyers Creek. There are numerous studies done overseas and one here in Australia concerning the problems of living within a 5 km radius of a wind farm. There are books and articles regarding the medical problems caused by wind turbines by Dr. Nina Pierpont, Dr. John Etherington, Dr. Christopher Hanning, Dr. Nissumbaum and others. Dr. Sarah Laurie (peer reviewed) has been to Ontario Canada to attend a seminar regarding health issues from wind turbines. Dr. Swinbanks a former employee with NASA has studied the effects of Types sound waves.

The community has been divided by the secretive methods of the company involved. Formerly it was a great community where everyone helped everyone else. No longer a cohesive society.

The area is rural and agricultural and the effects on the area both visual and environmental will have a devastating impact on the area. The local council regards it as agricultural and for no other purpose.

The area already has Cadia mine and this company is beneficial for the area in regards to employment, housing and the local Errowanbang school which was in danger of closing and now has 37 students because of the mine. The mine also supports the school and various activities that occurs. The wind farm will not employ one single local when up and running. Will not support anything except the company which is responsible to its shareholders.

The wind turbines are not “green” renewable forms of energy as they have to have backup with either solar or coal power. This therefore increases costs as backup has to run 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Why if they are so good for us that the companies building them require anyone who signs a lease with them are gagged from saying anything negative? It seems to me if they are so good why do people have to keep quiet about having hem?