

To whom it may concern,

I live in Wonthaggi where 6 turbines were constructed within 800 metres from the coast with nearby pristine vegetation, no longer pristine. The land had been mined, the shape of the block not suitable for optimum turbine construction or productivity. The liberal government provided 24 million dollars for their construction, to a developer who then sold to a super fund.

One turbine did not run for a year, even now several at a time are stationary.

In my lifetime I have planted thousands of trees, worked as a volunteer for environmental groups and practice energy conservation.

The turbines have added to global warming and have been a disaster for our area. If the 24 million dollars had gone into solar energy we would have a far more educated community on energy conservation.

The turbines are monitored for bird loss by the owner of the land!!.

The sham that has occurred in Wonthaggi should never be repeated.

I leave it to others to document the cost, added carbon, and the destruction to the local environment, together with the well known fact that trying to produce energy is flawed. The European evidence is there for all to see.

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