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Senate Committee on Wind Farms - Submission

Re: Transfield Collector Wind Farm Development

I write to raise my concerns with respect to the proposed Wind Farm development at Collector NSW by the company Transfield Services. I live on a Collector Road property on the western boundary of the proposed development and will be directly affected if this proposal proceeds. From a community perspective, the concerns I have with the proposed development include:

- Lack of community consultation in the proposal
- The detrimental effect the wind farm will have on the community
- Lack of appeals process open to community members if the proposed development proceeds
- The secrecy that surrounds the negotiations between the proposed developers and the landholders
- Lack of assessment of the impact on properties surrounding the proposed development
- Developers providing inadequate community compensation - especially in view of the broad impact of wind farms on the surrounding community
- Increasing questions being raised (in Australia and overseas) on the efficacy of Wind Farms in the reduction of green-house gasses.

From a personal point of view I am gravely concerned with both the potential health impacts that may result from the establishment of the wind farm along the significant loss of property value that will result from the establishment of the wind farm. I recognise the fact the health issues may not be recognised (at this stage) by the relevant authorities, but the loss in property values is widely accepted and proven.

I ask you to consider this as part of the Senate Inquiry.

Yours Sincerely

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