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Department of the Senate  
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To Department of the Senate,

Re: PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL WIND COMPLEX – MT WALLACE

I am an extremely concerned resident of the Mt Wallace area and strongly object to the industrial wind turbine project to be allowed to proceed.

After doing extensive research into these giant industrial machines we see there are considerable health issues, such as: emotional stress, headaches, migraines, instability, dizziness, anxiety, nervousness, motion sickness, nausea, changes in general mood, social conflicts, respiratory complications, neurological complications, depression, balance disturbances, sleep disturbances, seizures, palpitations, heart disease and other cardiovascular complications. Also profound effects on safety involved in having these industrial wind turbines in close proximity to farms. For example, lumps of ice, debris or anything breaking off the wind turbines blades, including the blades themselves, thrown at high speed could be devastating. Driving a car or operating farm equipment while having a seizure or disorientation induced by the turbines could be devastating to that individual and family.

Why haven't the government conducted health studies with the increased size and output capacity of these turbines, before commissioning and approving them?

Overseas studies are alarming with the increase adverse symptoms effecting people. Are we not important as human beings? Is our health not considered? Do we not have human rights?

What price do we pay for the government to be 'Seen to be Green'? For a small reduction in green house gases if any, do we have to leave our homes to stop being sick from these things.

These guidelines need to be radically revisited and reviewed with UP TO DATE data SOONER rather than later.

Moorabool will not continue to grow by allowing large power generating companies here. These wind farms WILL NOT address the wider energy demand.

Not too mention, these proposed wind turbines are ineffective and very expensive at generating energy.

In addition, these wind turbines are an environmental eyesore and are not welcome in areas of outstanding natural beauty such as Moorabool Shire. These large windmill turbines make NO ATTEMPT to blend with the natural landscape.

The wind turbines also impact wildlife and present a fire risk. Moorabool Shire has many protected species of both flora and fauna. Our property gets eagles seeking refuge and eagles soaring over our property, which is a magnificent view. Wind turbines would be killing off our precious eagles. Our property is in a very fire sensitive area, we do not require any added fire risks, such as, wind turbines catching on fire as they do.

Our property will be hugely negatively impacted by these giant industrial machines and their large power lines. Our property will be surrounded by them in all directions, and it is also proposed to have a turbine on the boundary off our property. The turbines will be positioned 1 km from our house. Our property will be devalued in price and we won't be able to subdivide nor build any other buildings on our property as we will be too close to turbines and their power lines. West Wind Energy Pty Ltd also intend on running their power lines through the middle of our property, which will adversely affect and limit us with what we can do on our property. This in no doubt will impact our property price in a negative way and ruin our property.

The wind turbines produce noise, vibration, shadow flickering, strobing. Shadow flickering arises as the shadow of the moving turbine blades moves across the ground. This occurs when the sun is at a low angle in the sky, such as mornings and evenings in the summer and just about any time in the winter. These shadows can extend great distances from the base of the turbine. Strobing occurs when turbine blades catch the sun and reflect it back towards the viewer. Since a turbine blade will be in the position where this reflection takes place up to 60 times per minute. The effect is like a strobe light. Strobing can occur at any time of day and can happen anywhere the turbines can be seen. Strobing produces seizures and balance disorientation. These profound induced effects from the wind turbines will be intolerable to live with. (Around the world this is called Wind Turbine Syndrome and it is making people extremely sick.) This would also adversely interfere with our everyday functioning and living (i.e. watching of TV, listening to radio, having conversations, enjoying the outdoors, speaking on the phone, having a good night rest, affect our bodies physiology and its responses, etc.).

We love our property due to its serenity and its beauty and its surrounding Moorabool Shire flora and fauna beauty.

There will be NO BENEFIT whatsoever to me or my family if this industrial wind turbine project is allowed to proceed. Instead, it will have an extremely detrimental effect and will be obtrusive to me and my family life, including the Moorabool Shire community.

My father recently had undergone treatment for cancer and had open heart surgery (double by pass). We now do not require getting more unwell or our lives to be further compromised by the wind turbine farms or by their power lines with radiation.

We object to having any wind turbines or their power lines to be closer than 3 km from our residence.

Yours Faithfully,