

RESPONSE to ADVERSE COMMENTS made to the Senate Select Committee on Wind Turbines

Adverse comment made by Professor Simon Chapman to Senate Inquiry

“I am advised that noise complaints were received from households about times when the turbines were not even operating. The Gardner family who live near the MacArthur wind farm have stated publicly (see letter below) that they also are affected when the turbines are off. These claims are clearly ludicrous and say much about the now sometimes bizarre sub-culture of complaint that has arisen among the small network of wind farm opponents in Australia.”

The response from Professor Chapman shows a closed mind and contempt for people suffering health effects. We know how we feel and there is nothing ludicrous or bizarre about our statements. It is now accepted that infrasound DOES come from wind turbines that are not operating. A research paper on this by Mr. Les Huson, at the Wind Turbine Noise Conference in Glasgow earlier this year (Stationary Wind turbine Infrasound Emissions) shows that there is little difference in the level of infrasound from the Macarthur wind farm whether they are turning or not.

We find Professor Chapmans' comments most offensive and insulting, particularly given that, we believe, he has not ever visited the Macarthur wind farm, nor lived in the vicinity of wind turbines. We are of the belief that nobody has a right to comment on health impacts from wind turbines, unless they have LIVED near turbines. Nor does anybody have a right to denigrate or vilify those who have the misfortune of living in the vicinity of wind turbines, and have their health impacted, as our family experiences, along with other residents living in close proximity to turbines at the Macarthur wind farm.

The Senate Select Committee, I am informed, has a copy of Mr. Huson's research paper.

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