

Submission to Senate Committee

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We oppose the uncontrolled expansion of windfarms particularly in the western district of Victoria for the following reasons.

1. There is now increasing evidence of effects on the health of those living within and up to five km from wind turbines as evidenced by reports from the Waubra district.
2. Homes and properties have become difficult to sell in such areas. Land valuations are showing a drop of up to 30% in places that have planned windfarms.
3. Planning laws do not cater in any way for residents living within the boundaries of windfarms or in the surrounding area.
4. Stockyard Hill is an area of wetlands and natural bird habitat. There should not be any wind turbines in the area.
5. Research shows very small savings in greenhouse gases at a large cost to the taxpayer in subsidies and to the public in the cost of electricity .
6. The noise factor has not been researched regarding the 3 megawatt turbines now being used.
7. The 1998 acoustic standards are plainly well out of date.
8. There should be a thorough and independent inquiry into all aspects of windfarms taking into consideration all of the above.

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