

Woosh! Woosh! Woosh! Woosh! 1,2,3,4, 1,2, 3, 4.

Woosh! Woosh! Woosh! Woosh!

Like high flying jets, another, then another and another.

3am in the morning – Woosh! Woosh! Woosh!

24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 days a year. Woosh! Woosh! Woosh! Woosh!

That's the sound of the wind turbines near my house in Cape Bridgewater.

It's annoying, it often keeps me awake, often wakes my wife and I at night.

Since the wind turbines began working my wife and I have had restless night sleeps, often waking two or three times during the night and unable to get back to sleep easily.

The presence of the wind towers on Cape Bridgewater has degraded the visual appeal of the landscape I have chosen to live in for the last 20 years. There is a certain percentage of the population who would not choose to live at Cape Bridgewater now because of the wind turbines. That equates to less demand for real estate at Cape Bridgewater. That means my property has been devalued or failed to appreciate in value as much as what it would have if the wind towers had been sited in a more appropriate site.

In Pacific Hydro's Project Update July 2008, it boasted that the Cape Bridgewater wind factory produces enough electricity to supply 35000 homes. I am asking Pacific Hydro to partially compensate Cape Bridgewater residents for the imposition of having a wind factory on their doorstep by supplying Cape Bridgewater residents with free power for as long as the wind towers remain on the Cape. That's approximately 50 homes, less than 0.14% of the output claimed by Pacific Hydro.

Yours faithfully

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