

To Members of the Senate Inquiry.

I am writing a submission regarding the health effects, social and economic impact of wind turbines.

My wife and myself are the 4th generation to live in the existing bluestone home which was built in 1856.

The Addington district where we live has a turbine some 500 metres from our house. Whilst I complained to Acciona on 3 or 4 occasions, they then decided to put their noise monitor on our property. Both times they placed it there, the answer was you have NO problem, would not tell us the results.

During last years' harvest, 2010, we would work at times 24 hrs. a day if the weather permitted, but on two occasions the turbine noise was so bad I could not get any sleep, I then had to go and get back in the truck and drive some 20 kms. from where we were working and then try to get some sleep, otherwise I would have fallen asleep causing an accident.

The whosh of the blades and general motor noise of the turbines just gets to you. Whilst I don't watch a lot of television, we still have trouble with two channels with the signal dropping out. This never occurred until they started the turbines up and I have complained but their television repair guy said they are having a lot of trouble with the receptor, but the problem is still ongoing.

In closing my submission, I am not a very happy person with the performance of the turbines and the company Acciona. It certainly has affected our life style greatly.

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