



To Dr Timothy Kendall
RE Health Concerns with Wind Farms.

Dear Dr Timothy,

I am writing to you to strongly emphasize the urgent need for the Senate Committee to look into the locations of future wind farms.

I am 62 years old and have lived in the area of Waterloo in SA all my life. Prior to the commissioning of a wind farm built by Roaring 40's of Tasmania 4 kms from our home I never had any sleep problems. Now due to unacceptable noise levels especially at night I am waking anytime between 2am & 5am, feeling anxious, irritable and hearing the thumping and roaring of these turbines across the valley. Also my blood pressure is markedly higher on the noisy nights. We now have a serious health issues due to this wrong decision, and at least 3 families have already bought houses in neighbouring towns for sleep and health reasons, returning during the day to their work places.

I am also the co-chair of the Waterloo and District Concerned Citizens Group, formed more than 2 years ago following the devastation both socially and environmentally of this wind farm project. There are more than 50 families living within 5 km of the turbines, including the small township of Waterloo. Socially it has turned neighbours, friends and even family members against each other, due mainly

to the turning of this once beautiful, unique and God created peaceful area into a noisy industrial site.

Environmentally more than 24 ha of natural trees and rocks were bulldozed and the important breeding area of birds (including wedgetailed eagles) and animals has been destroyed. An absolute disgrace!

Windfarms must in future be built more than 5 km from residences and govt must introduce very strict guidelines as to their locations.

I am not against renewable energy generation but I would certainly encourage govn'ts to explore alternative methods, such as solar, sea, or even nuclear. Most houses and businesses could be equipped with solar panels, thus avoiding the devastation that these costly and inefficient windfarms are creating.

Changes must be made or there will be continuing break down of the social, environmental and health structure that should be protected at all cost.

I hope that these concerns are debated at length in the Senate and significant changes made!

Your truly

John Faint

Farmer & landholder.