

Dear Sir,

I wish to thank the senate for taking the time to look into this issue that affects so many country landowners.

My objection is to the haphazard planning of windfarms. At the moment there are no designated sites for this type of development and approval has been taken out of the hands of our local government.

If a farmer decides that he wants a wind farm and he can obtain backing then regardless of any thing else he seems to be able to gain approval so the current political party can be seen to be doing something about climate change.

There is no procedure for compensation to adjoining landholders whose property is being used as a buffer zone for this development. If they wish to stay in their homes or build homes in the future they are up for expenditure on sound proofing, anti glare remediation works, decreased valuation of property and possible problems with mental health while their neighbours receive increased profitability at their expense. This is not fair and equitable.

There needs to be a procedure in place that adequately compensates property owners whose property is affected by ANY development whether it is a wind farm or a broiler shed.

There needs to be proper planning by federal and state government so sites are designated as suitable for wind development instead of decisions being made by opportunistic developers out to make a quick quid.

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