From:
To: Committee, EC (SEN)
Subject: Submission re: senate enquiry to excessive noise from wind farms
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Dear Senate Enquiry,

I do not support the adoption of the excessive noise bill, because:
1. Current noise guidelines work well and are already very restrictive
2. The bill seeks to apply an arbitrary and unscientific noise limit to wind farms
3. The bill will set a precedent for other forms of infrastructure
4. Noise guidelines should be part of state planning regimes and not imposed by the federal government
5. Wind farms are good for regional economies and create jobs

Further to this I have spent time living within the vicinity of the Toora Wind Farm in South Gippsland and can personally attest that claims by anti-wind farm groups that they are "noisy" are in my experience completely unfounded.

I have also spent time living within the vicinity of a highway, train station, and air flight path and believe that if the standards proposed in the bill were applied to all other forms of infrastructure then Australia would largely be uninhabitable.

I urge you to look at the science and facts rather than the posturing of lobby groups and make your conclusions for the good of regional Australia.

Best wishes,