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I would like to tell our story of the six wind turbines built at Wonthaggi.

When the state panel (two state government employees) was set up, the guidelines were such that it was environment only and no submissions would be heard on the worthiness of these turbines.

The guidelines was written by the wind industry and so doors of debate were closed.

One sentence said "The landscape is subjective" intimating that landscape was not a factor in deliberations.

The proponents said the six turbines had the "potential" to save XXX of GHG's.

The landscape in any coastal town is the lifeblood of tourism, and is seen as a therapeutic value to visitors to unwind on weekends and holidays after the hectic time at work.

I remember how we had many meeting of concerned citizens at the ruination of our lovely views.

We did a power of work in looking at the daily system of generation of electricity and burning of coal, the bottom line is, the six turbines save exactly nothing in the system, because the coal burning companies do not even have communication to tell them to burn less coal when the turbines are producing electricity.

Telling the current suppliers of our electricity 24/7 to burn less coal for six turbines is ridiculous, because the wind is intermittent and to set up a system of communication of wind on/off is unworkable.

We did our sums with the coal burning system suppliers and found it would it would take 6-7 thousand turbines and a finite communication system to make a difference to coal burning daily.

As well, it must be a fail-safe system with no chance of letting down the state industries in their daily needs.

In Victoria we do NOT have the land/wind available for 6-7 thousand turbines. END OF STORY.

Any number less than that is a waste of time and resources.

Certainly a few hundred along the coast is NOT going to save any greenhouse gases because the coal is burnt well before any wind blows (or not) on a given day.

The coal burning needs to be assured well in advance that reliable alternate supply is available in a given area before they have the luxury of burning less coal then normal.

And what happens if the wind suddenly drops, can the coal be quickly burnt to take up the slack, no it cannot, the coal is burnt hours before the usage.

Just building wind turbines without involving the current coal burning companies is a waste of time and money.

The six turbines at Wonthaggi are just state government window dressing and do nothing to save GHG's, but ruin the landscape for others, as well being a family and community divisive element that pits brother against brother and neighbor and neighbor.

If wind energy is to be used then it must be a sufficient number total system to save GHG's and away from communities to save personal angst and divisiveness.

If the coast is already used as a resource for tourism and human values then it is not available for contra negative, and divisive intrusion, for no real gain.

Thank you for your enquiry,

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