

# **Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012**

*Introduced into the Senate on 29 June 2012*

*By: Senators Madigan and Xenophon*

## **Committee view**

1.2 The committee notes that the statement of compatibility claims that this bill does not engage human rights as defined in the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*. The committee seeks clarification from Senators Madigan and Xenophon whether the bill could be said to engage the right to privacy contained in Article 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the right to health contained in Article 12 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

## **Purpose of the bill**

This bill amends the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000* to provide the Regulator with the authority to ensure that accredited power stations that are wind farms, either in whole or in part, do not create excessive noise.