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Dear Sirs, In respect of industrial wind facilities, the Victorian Government guidelines as to the siting of these wind factories is deeply flawed in the areas of setback from peoples homes, allowable noise levels, and lack of any form of compensation for people whose lives will be directly affected by the actions of wind energy companies, and greedy land owners who have no regard for the social amenity of their neighbours. Some time after the proponents of the proposed Dollar wind facility had been quietly signing up prospective land owners, the other members of the community found out about the proposal. Meridian Energy, the company who owned the proposal at the time engaged in a public consultation process , which amongst other things involved company consultants visiting people who had concerns, and as far as we are concerned, telling lies to justify the proposal. There are now deep divisions in our community that we doubt will ever heal, neighbours of over twenty years that no longer speak to each other. The proposal for the Dollar wind facility went to an independent planning panel hearing that lasted five weeks, at which it was clearly demonstrated that there is massive opposition to this proposal by the people most affected by it, ie. The owners of the one hundred plus homes in the immediate footprint. This process cost us many thousands of dollars and countless hours of our time, some two years on we are still totally in the dark as to the panels findings. The planning minister refuses to release the panels recommendations, so our lives are in limbo in terms of our property values and not knowing if the proposal may go ahead in the future, condemning us to trying to live amongst a huge industrial facility and a greatly degraded landscape. The proposal has a turbine 650 metres from our home, and 6 within 1000 metres. In spite of the proponents claims, there is a detrimental effect on our property values, (who would want to live in the middle of a huge wind factory?) this has been verbally verified by a number of local real estate agents. Considering our property is all we own for our future, we consider its devaluation, with no form of compensation to be grossly unfair. We thank you for the opportunity to comment.