

Attention Ministerial Advisory Committee

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Please find this as a submission to the EPA inquiry

To whom it may concern,

Being a resident in an area that will soon be impacted by wind turbines I write to express my opinion and recommendation for the purpose of the EPA inquiry.

A state, if not a national, body must be engaged to control and police wind turbine noise production levels. I question how local councils with limited budgets and expertise, can be genuinely expected to manage, determine and enforce such policing of wind turbine noise levels. The wait is on for a government to engage equity for all Victorians, and/or Australians, to make honest the actions of wind turbine planners in the placement of wind turbines, often NEAR existing Australian rate paying residents. It has been evident the subsequent ongoing operation of such wind turbines, including noise, has caused negative effects for local residents, including amongst other effects, deteriorating health conditions and deflating property values.

It beggars belief that years after wind turbines initially found a home in Victoria, that there is no independent state or national body engaged to ensure wind turbine designers, planners, entrepreneurs, investors, builders, and so on, are bound to regulation, in a robust fashion. Our goal should be to prevent situations whereby wind turbine placement occurs near existing homes, where there has been evidence of this having strong and continued negative effects on existing residents living in such homes, both in health and in their property value.

I believe "Trust" is not a word that resonates broadly of the wind turbine industry. We have an opportunity to place a cornerstone block in building a strong and "local resident minded" wind turbine industry by engaging an independent authority to pre-test, manage and police wind turbine noise for the equality of all, in particular for the residents who find themselves living near such wind turbines, often without a choice.

Even the Federal Senate Select Committee on Wind Turbines have found that such an action of engaging an independent body, such as the EPA, to be warranted for this task of policing noise levels in wind turbines. Engaging the EPA to attend to the task of policing Wind Turbine noise, incorporating the roles of being responsible for accurate and transparent noise recording prior to permit approval for the placement of wind turbines and monitoring of noise levels after the construction of wind turbines, would be a massive step in the right direction for the assumed goal of achieving justice, fairness and equity for all residents who may be personally concerned about and/or affected by wind turbines.

Yours, Faithfully,

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