

Form 100 (SE-3)

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I would like to make a submission to the inquiry.
I live in a beautiful part of Australia and have been party to, or observed
4 proposals for windfarms.

My observation is that proposals are developed without consulting the
community or other stakeholders who may be affected by the development.

This results in creating misinformation, mistrust, anxiety, stress and
devisivness throughout the community. This continues on well after the
turbines are erected as those affected try in vain to get their lives 'back
on track'. I have observed serious health consequences as a result of
proposed and erected wind turbines. There are no clear guidelines in plain
English so that communities can monitor or have imput into the operations of
the turbines, even when they believe the company is breaching 'regulations'.
People who are affected by the turbines feel powerless and their quality of
life is drastically reduced.

When windfarms are being developed information lacks credibility causing
unrest and disbelief thoughtput communities. What was once a close knit
caring community sharing the same values and promoting well being for
families and children is now divided with much bitterness permeating in all
aspects of community life

At all stages in the development of windfarm proposals and then during and
after the wind turbines are in operation there is a serious lack of
consultation with communities or the local authorities such as local
Councils. Regulations for noise monitoring are inadequate and the processes
for collecting data and reporting to any authority seriously lacking.

If wind farms are to be part of our energy industry then the federal
government needs to put in place appropriate regulations and processes so
that communities are consulted adequately and are able to participate in
tribunals or panels knowing their information and efforts will be taken
seriously . If a community collectively doesnt want windfarms across its
vista then guidelines should support this and developers find alternative
sites.

I look forward to the government listening to communities and developing
appropriate guidelines that look after all stakeholders but most
importantly, the communities who are to be affected and have to live with
windturbines
Thank you