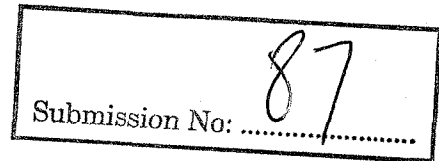


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**The Committee Secretary,
House of Representatives Standing Committee on
Industry & Resources
PO Box 6021
Parliament House
CANBERRA. ACT 2600**



To: Committee. ISR (REPS)

Subject: Submission on wind power facility at Bald Hills, Tarwin Lower.

From: A.G. & E.M.Landy

Re: Inquiry into developing Australia's non- fossil fuel energy industry

Dear Sir,

We wish to draw your attention to some of the problems we have experienced with the proposed Bald Hills wind facility at Tarwin Lower.

We have lived and farmed in the Tarwin Lower/ Walkerville area for over fifty years and have a good knowledge of the area and its residents.

The planning procedures adopted for the Bald Hills wind facility were wanting.

There was little or no consultation with landholders. People were signed up before neighbours were made aware of the magnitude of the project. This sneaky approach on the part of the developers created distrust. One group of landholders were given lucrative contracts for wind towers whilst the amenity and aesthetic values of neighbouring properties are reduced by an industrial operation in a once beautiful scenic coastal and rural landscape. There is also some loss in value of nearby properties as has happened at Toora. Properties adjacent to wind farms have become hard to sell. Associated flicker and noise is a problem for nearby residents.

There has been a dramatic social cost. The net effect of the policy has positioned neighbours against neighbours in what was once an extremely cohesive and harmonious community. Joint public activities which are an important part of a rural community have been severely damaged. We now have serious divisions within our community which will be long lasting.

The cash cost to the community of fighting this unwelcome proposal has probably been of the order of \$400,000 to say nothing of the time and effort spent.

In conclusion would it not be preferable to consult with local communities? Locate those areas where residents find wind towers acceptable, rather than superimposing them on a community where the vast majority are opposed to such development

Yours faithfully,

A.G. & E.M.LANDY
(Signed copy posted)

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