

Dear Sir

I would like to add my experience of living next to a wind power station (not a "farm") to the opinions of others who have contributed to the wind turbine issue in past The Weekly Times. I make comment here on the noise pollution only. Wind power station (w.p.s) developers have used a 9 year old New Zealand noise standard, NZ 6808:1998, to help conceal one of the inherent problems of wind power, that is the low frequency noise generated as each blade passes its supporting tower, interrupting the air flow, creating the thumping type noise which is below the threshold of the human ear. This type of noise (infrasound) is felt rather than heard. The five minute experts who visit a w.p.s and dismiss the noise issue are to my mind, oblivious and or ignorant of the facts.

In South Gippsland, I believe the w.p.s operators have been able to falsify noise impacts by playing funny buggers with how the noise is measured, from altering the location of noise monitors before and after turbine construction (always to the w.p.s operators advantage, noise wise) to shutting down turbines during the four short follow-up noise monitoring periods required by the New Zealand standard. At Wonthaggi, the follow-up noise monitoring coincided with one turbine off and the remaining four operating at 19% of installed capacity. Obviously, this is not a true representation of the w.p.s operating at "full noise". An Australian noise standard that incorporates round the clock noise measurement for the life of

the w.p.s, is the way to protect nearby residents not only from the noise, but also from the w.p.s operators who hide the truth behind this dodgy, nine-year old New Zealand noise standard.

Yours Sincerely

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