I believe that clean energy projects should only get the carbon credits that they actually abate in a fully calculated carbon foot print calculation.

Wind farms do not abate the 100% of generation that they claim. In some Australian cases a full carbon audit would show only 4 or 5% abatement is being achieved, yet 100% is being paid.

A thorough Auditor General's investigation needs to be performed into the economic and GHG abatements claimed by these companies . I believe such an investigation would show the wind farm industry is not being accurate or honest in its declared position, and the real position if declared would make these projects completely untenable to the vast majority of the community.
A recent study of this in Ireland showed the wind industry was claiming more than double what it actually was delivering.
Studies in the UK last year showed they claimed more than three times what they were actually achieving when a full carbon audit was applied to the wind farms concerned.

The power and wealth of the wind farm companies can be seen in the politics they play within governments and within government departments, also within the media.
If it was an honest open and trustworthy industry, then they would not have to resort to intimidation, bribery and dodgy repots to: -get projects approved, - to be allowed to continue to operate even when they do not abide by their planning conditions, and - to claim carbon credits when they are not actually abating the GHG level that they claim.
Money may talk, but it is up to the senate to listen to the real people in the community who do not have the power and the money that the wind farm industry uses to cover up the truth.

Thank you for the opportunity of making a submission. 16 October 2012