REVISED Excessive Noise Submission – Federal Senate Inquiry

Date: 1st November 2012

From: Sharyn and Neil Anderson

We support these proposed Amendments to the Renewable Engergy Act because of the following:

We are Australian citizens, taxpayers, rate-payers and currently reside in Mortlake and have done so for twelve years.

We are concerned that the current proliferation of wind farms in our Shire (Moyne) and District (Western) is unchecked and that wind farm proponents and operators flout noise regulations.

We are concerned that vested interests are ensuring that those living in close proximity to the actual or proposed windfarms are not dealt with honestly and fairly, are mocking procedures, rules and guidelines. I refer in particular to the Mortlake South Windfarm and the Macarthur Windfarm. lives within the 2 kilometre restriction zone for wind turbines and has had numerous dealings with windfarm personnel who have been obstructive, vexatious and cavalier in their denial of her right to compare their wind noise data to that which she and others living nearby collected at their own, considerable, expense.

We are concerned by the experiences of of Macarthur who has been forced by the proximity of the windfarm to abandon her fine-wool enterprise due to continued noise and has had her quality of life severely degraded.

We are concerned that as tax-payers that we are funding the establishment and maintenance of wind-farms who do not abide by the rules. We are concerned as energy users that the energy producing process is injurious to health.

As long-term residents of the township of Mortlake we are concerned at the effects of low-frequency and infra-sound may have on our own and others' health. We are full-time carers for our adult son who suffers from Asperger's Syndrome (Austism) and whose hearing is acutely sensitive to noise. I (Sharyn Anderson) am extremely concerned for him and for myself, as I have been a life-long sufferer of travel sickness and for the last thirteen years, vertigo. All these conditions are not life-threatening but can severely limit day to day activities, are very debilitating and can grossly distort quality of life.

We are concerned, therefore, for others in the town and nearby environs who may be so affected. The town's P-12 school is only a very short distance from the nearest turbines approximately 3- 4 kilometres as the crow flies. There appears to be no clear studies peer-reviewed from reliable (non-vested) interests which have identified a 'safe' distance from homes, towns and institutions. The

two kilometre set-back currently in place appears to be for the convenience of wind farm proprietors and not the health and well-being of the people who have no choice but live in proximity.

Signed:

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