INFORMATION RE NEW AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL SENATE INQUIRY into

"EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM WINDFARMS "bill to amend the Renewable Energy Act

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Open Submission from -
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I live at the above address where there are 2 – 125mtr wind turbines which are situated between 550~650 metres from the back door.

Since the operation of the wind turbines July 2011 my life has and is one living hell.
I was told that I would not hear a noise from the turbines.
I hear the noise from the turbines day and night, inside and outside.
The blades make a whooshing noise and are liken to a jet engine going over the house but never going away.
When the back of the blades are facing the house or the blades are side on to the house this is when it is at its worse. When they are like this it creates a vibration which you can feel on the house by touch and the air feel electrostatic.

After a week of the turbines operating I started to suffer severe tension head aches and tightness in my shoulders, neck and my lower jaw felt tight and my teeth ached. I would wake up in the morning with vertigo when I stood up out of bed and have a bad runny nose. It has been over a year now that the turbines have been operating and my symptoms are becoming worse, I still have all of the above and now I get pains in my chest, eye spasms while reading or watching TV, do not sleep as I wake up in fright two or three times and do not know why but you can just hear the turbines in the bedroom.
When I have to go to work I am sleep deprived and try to function at 100 percent but can not. I have noticed that my short term memory is non existent and keep forgetting things when I am half way through doing any menial job let alone a difficult one.
Some days I am that bad in myself that I just want to end it all and take my own life, as it seems nobody is listening to my genuine complaints about my health.
I have been seeing my Doctor since getting ill health and it all has and still been recorded and I have a diary which I have kept notes in.

When I get severely bad days of the turbine noise my partner and I plus the dogs have to leave the property and stay away for a couple of days or even a week.
The symptoms dissipate after about half an hour to an hour of being away and when we wake up in the morning and guess what …. No headaches, no symptoms what so ever but as soon as we get back home we start getting sick again. Even the dogs are getting sick and it has been documented by the Vet.
I have written to the Shire on several occasions but to no avail, I have not received one response from the planning department regarding my issues.

Also why is the testing of wind turbine noise not carried out when they are operating at full capacity?
Why is there no testing for infra sound? (Inside as well as outside.)

Please forgive me for any mistakes or errors in this submission as I do not function in my head as well as I used to.

"This is why I support these proposed amendments to the Renewable Energy Act,

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