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Subject: OPEN SUBMISSION: ANNA DOMINGUEZ SMITH | Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012 No. , 2012 (Senators Madigan and Xenophon) A Bill for an Act to amend the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000, and for re
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Hello Senate Staff,

I support these proposed amendments to the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012 No. , 2012 (Senators Madigan and Xenophon) A Bill for an Act to amend the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Act 2000, and for related purposes because the changes are necessary, which relate to the need for transparency about the noise and wind mast data, and for serious consequences for breaches of noise guidelines (non payment of RECS) if they break the rules.

I live 9kms away, within the 5km to 10km zone of the potential effects of a proposed wind farm. Due to currently recovering from a medical condition called Fibromyalgia for the last four years that affects my CNS and an extreme deficiency in Vitamin D, I have had the following symptoms: My Top Ten Fibromyalgia Symptoms are: Pain all over, Fatigue, Sleep difficulties, Brain fog, Morning stiffness, Muscle knots, cramping, weakness, Digestive disorders, Headaches/migraines, Balance problems, Itchy/burning skin.
http://www.fmnetnews.com/fibro-basics/symptoms

Factors that aggravate me are: Weather (especially cold climates and changes in barometric pressure), Cold or drafty environments, Poor quality sleep, Stress, and Overexertion, which all contribute to Fibromyalgia symptom flare-ups.

Other situations that have made my Fibromyalgia worse were: Often sensitive to odors, Loud noises, Bright lights, Some foods, and Prescription medications. I have also experienced: Chest pain unrelated to the heart, Shortness of breath, Dizziness, Nasal congestion, Past painful periods, Palpitations, Irritable bladder/interstitial cystitis, Profuse sweating, Tingling/numbness sensations, Chemical sensitivities, Difficulty focusing eyes, The feeling of swollen extremities, Dry/burning eyes and mouth.
http://www.fmnetnews.com/fibro-basics/symptoms/aggravating

Although the above symptoms sounds bad, I have nearly recovered. I intend to resume my studies in a double degree in biomedical sciences and engineering in electronics and computers. IF the proposed wind farm is built near me I will have my symptoms exacerbated and my recovery jeopardised, but not the data to confirm the cause. These amendments are designed to ensure that noise pollution, which is harmful to health does not occur and that if it does it is detected and action is taken.

Kindest regards Anna,

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