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To: [Committee, EC \(SEN\); Senator Madigan \(Private\)](#)
Subject: Re BOCO Rock Development Wind Turbine - from Abbess Anna, Presentation Sisterhood Convent
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Dear Senators,

We support the proposed amendments to the Renewable Energy Act concerning excessive noise from wind turbines.

We are a Christian convent of 9 nuns located at a distance of approximately 10km from the BOCO Rock wind turbine site in southern NSW. Thirteen years ago we purchased our property specifically for its isolation and tranquillity, these conditions being conducive to a life of prayer and contemplation, one of our principal aims being to promote a retreat for visitors with emotional and psychological problems.

Although, since 2003 there has been much information available on the topic, we have only now become aware of the possible adverse affects of infra sound and low frequency noise produced by wind turbines on human health, in some cases up to distances of 11.5kms (France).

Our concern is any adverse effect on the health of our inhabitants and visitors and the subsequent undermining of our existence here as a convent.

There is a precedent in the history of a Buddhist entity with similar aims to ours, namely the Tharpaland International Retreat Centre in Scotland. This retreat located in a tranquil location approximately 7kms from a wind farm, documented considerable adverse effects on human physical, emotional and mental health up to distances of 8.6km from turbines. Due to these effects the centre ultimately was forced to cease its activities and move away.

Although the proposed amendments represent a beginning for wind farmers accountability, however, we urge the Senate to ensure that further research be undertaken as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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