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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Australia

Re: Inquiry into Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012

I am a primary producer located at 1160 Walkerville Road, Tarwin Lower, Victoria 3956.

The Bald Hills Wind Farm which is currently under construction will cause various types of noise which will severely impact my;
My Workplace
My Employees
My Contractors
My Family, I have 2 children less than 5 years of age, the impact on them will be severe.
My Lifestyle
My Visitors
My Livestock (Reduced calving percentages, decreased weight gains, agitated and stressed livestock, this is in conflict with my ethical farming practices).
My Farming Business, www.chianina.com.au

The attached diagram sent to me from The Bald Hills Wind Farm Developer clearly shows that most of my farm will be severely impacted. In fact the modelled level by the Wind Farm Developer shows 40 dB and above which is way in excess of the sensible, realistic, safe and fair level of 10 dB set out in the proposed Bill.

In 2009 the tower heights allowable were increased and I would like to question the modelled noise levels of the Bald Hills Wind Farm Developer. I believe that in certain wind directions and at certain wind speeds the noise will peak well above the modelled levels shown on the attached map. This Bill reflects a fair and reasonable outcome to protect the rights of landholders and it is extremely important that it is accepted.

The fact is that wind farm noise (Audible Noise, Low Frequency Noise and Vibration Noise) is currently unregulated and this is not a sustainable situation for neighbours up to 6 kilometers from Wind Turbine Towers.

Yours sincerely
Sam Walker