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I , Patricia Gabb , support the Renewable Energy Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Act 2012 .

I support this bill as it addresses the community and individual concerns re noise from wind farms on peoples health and ability to work and live in their home or on their farm . I have met , spoken with and supported many people who have huge challenges with their health since the wind farm near them started working . This is a positive step in the right direction to support these people and the noise issues that challenge them .

I am also concerned for our family as we farm 3km south of the proposed Stockyard Hill Wind Farm -- we are downhill from the proposed turbines and , with secondary consent , the developers are able to build turbines 75% larger than those originally allowed . This potentially could have a huge impact on our families health and our ability to farm . The audible and inaudible sound will certainly come our way as that is the direction of the prevailing winds . If there is an affect on our family it will be a blatant destruction of our human rights .

I also believe that the proposed section to connect sound monitoring to the internet for public scrutiny is important as wind companies do not like being publicly accountable . I believe there is blatant manipulation of results that benefit the wind companies . I am very concerned about openness and honesty and hope --if the results are linked to the internet that the companies cannot manipulate the results before they are public . One becomes very non trusting when you have worked to support the community against to impacts of wind turbines as wind companies do not know the two words --openness and honesty . We all need to stand true to those two words .

This is an open submission .

Patricia Gabb