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Submission Re- Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012
I support this Bill.
I am a retired farmer and Glass Artist, still residing on my 510 acre property

My husband Maurice, who passed away five years ago, and I, have enjoyed a life of hard work and the peace and quiet, that living in the country provides. I live in an idealic rural setting with a close and wonderful community who help each other in adversity.
I am situated three kilometres from the nearest turbine on the Macarthur Wind Farm and have experienced first- hand, the noise and infrasound and vibration that affects your very being.
The noise at night, when your head hits the pillow is a continual low rumbling noise, like far away thunder,
It is very disturbing, when I wake up with the vibration running through my body and my heart is pounding in my chest and my pulse is racing, and when, in the morning, I get up feeling like a mass of jelly, shaking and in tears.
This experience happened to me with only 37 turbines going, but feel that this is only the beginning of the torment and health issues for me, when all 140 turbines are fully commissioned.
This noise is not just audible from outside, but it is a noise quite different when indoors. It is a noise that you can't hear or see, but you feel it's presence. It feels quite sinister. Your ears start ringing and you feel pressure in your head.
In summary, I have been pushed out of my bedroom, that I have slept in for over 30 years, with only 37 turbines going.
Am I going to have to leave my home that I have lived in for over 30 years when all 140 turbines are fully commissioned?
My work place is as a working farm, and also a tourist destination, where I conduct workshops and tours of my studio and Gallery. I have already had a cancellation from a prospective client because of the noise.
I feel we have a right to object to this forced persecution to our health and our way of life.
Even our two children, who were raised on this farm and their children are very cautious about coming to visit their parental home. The noise has to be stopped.
I would like to see the "independent health studies incorporating experts from all related fields" that was recommended in the report into the social and economical impacts of rural wind farms, put in place.
I feel it is imperative that the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012 be passed, to give us protection from the excessive noise.
Yours sincerely

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