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Dear Sir,

I write to express my support to these proposed amendments to the Renewable Energy Act, because all industries must adhere to specific rules and regulations. As industries grow and develop amendments to rules and specifications must also follow to keep in line with any changes that occur or may occur in the foreseeable future. All industries should be regulated and be able to provide evidence which is factual and be proven when audited. All industries should be audited by both internal and external parties to achieve compliance and ensure acceptable standards are meet. This results in BEST PRACTICE and ensures all parties act responsably and be accountable.

I believe information collected by wind farms is flawed as it is collected by the developers when the developers CHOOSE it to be collected. They know the targets that they must achieve to have their projects endorsed. Why not have the information collected from two sources? Loggers side by side and record the data using the same met mast, have the same conditions for a parallel comparsion. Compare apples with apples! Have the wind data collected seasonally not only when gale force winds are forecasted? Have the data lodged on a public registar. Why is the information confidential?

My experience with wind farm developers has not been positive. It is one tainted with smoke and mirrors. A company with world wide experience praying on "country hicks" writing letters in "confidence" and making "offers with conditions". With so much experience I was therefore at a lose when they where unable to obtain any wind data and requesting a THIRD attempt when I was able to pay an independent operator to get the same information and was successful on his FIRST attempt. I believe the result was low.

All industries must obey the law and comply with the standards to which their industry is set. Most industries must also be based in an indusrial area not a rural area where people also reside. We eat, sleep and rest where we live, we can't and won't leave our work places and home. We therefore have the right to have industries in our workplaces and homes have the tightest regulations possible. Their are laws bestown to "town folk" that they must comply with in regards to noise ie mowing lawns at night/early mornings, barking dogs, working in sheds on cars etc. Yet I am expected to tolerate noise 24/7. It hardly seems fair does it?

Regards

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