Cullerin Range Wind Farm Survey
August 2012

Comments as reported in survey

Affected Resident's comments 1-2km

Summer months we get shadow flicker on walls and ground which startle you at first, then becomes annoying.

Received TV reception on only 2 channels, shadow effect and electronic noise. TV antenna replaced by satellite dish by wind turbine company.

Continuous thud, thud noise and feeling of pressure.

Noise can vary greatly more audible in lower strength winds and can be very noisy in still wind condition at ground level when turbines are moving quickly due to wind gradient.

Sleeplessness, sleep pattern broken, wake-up panic attack and gasping for breath and feeling of pressure.

I feel very much cheated and betrayed by the government and authorities in a number of ways. Firstly by subjecting me to the profound health effects that are caused by these turbines, being denied my rights as a citizen. Have been forced to work and reside (try to sleep) in this new environment. I have been prejudiced against, my livelihood has been detrimentally affected. The government has favored a new private company against an established one. Has refused all reasonable requests and has shown a bias toward wind turbine developments actively discriminating against any one questioning the benefits, the costs, subsidies being given to these companies and refused to act in a responsible manner totally failing in a duty of care. The whole industry is one of corruption, lack of due diligence and denial and require a royal commission into the activities and policy employed by government and departmental planning.

Resident 1-2km

Television does not always work well, I cannot get ABC or SBS and it often freezes.

Deaf resident who is told by others that there is noise during the day and night.

Affected Resident 1-2km

Our TV freezes, for a few minutes then starts again, on a bad day it doesn't start again.

Continual sound particularly on hot summer nights. Keeps me awake like a whirring sound.

More affected in hot summer weather.

Waking and not able to get back to sleep from noise at night.

Affected resident 1-2km

The TV pixilates, very annoying, you can't watch without constant interferenece.

Night time noise makes it difficult to get to sleep and if you wake, unable to get back to sleep.

More affected in still hot humid weather.

Not getting enough sleep

Very concerned as I fly a small aircraft, and the wind turbines are a danger, as they are impossible to see at night, or on cloudy days. They also affect the radio signals, which can also be dangerous. I use my aircraft on the property and DD stock checks, I have to be very aware of the turbines.

Affected resident 1-2km

Dangerous riding in the paddock as horses perceive shadow flicker as solid objects.

No or faint signal on TV, no radio reception

Headaches and difficult to hear stock when out in paddocks.

Pressure inside farm vehicles have to wind windows down, constant fatigue.

Impossible to sleep at night.

Health Impacts: high blood pressure, depression, nausea, blurred vision, ulcers, headaches, balance impairment, fatigue.

More noise when very windy, foggy, cloudy or no wind.

We believe the wind development has made us very ill.

Affected resident 2-4km

Too tired to work

Don’t agree with turbines

More wind more noise

Affected resident 2-4km

TV affected,

Noisy through the day and night No sleep or poor sleep

Affected resident 2-4km

TV snowy,

Loud noise in the day and night no sleep

Resident 2-4km

Possibly static reception for both radio and tv do not know if related

Not affected health wise

Wind farm has damaged social fabric, ruined my lifetime of looking west for rain, for sunset, for peace, **twirling all day annoys when working** . Most of wind farm visible from our farm, treated without respect during process.

Non Affected resident 2-4km

The wind farm process for Cullerin shattered community cohesion and effects still very evident. The disrespect for neighbours, lack of consultation, the height and prominence of the site visible for up to 50km make it a terrible intrusion in the landscape, but the insulting process to get the turbines erected meant there was no chance the surrounding landholders could ever have taken ownership of the wind farm. We ourselves are not conscious of any ill effects health wise, but the stress and destruction to “our country has been considerable for all family members. (2 now left home**)**

Affected resident 2-4km

Bad TV reception
Noise nuisance of a day Night time no proper sleep. Stressed out.
More wind more noise

Affected resident 2-4km

Television poor,

Irritating daytime noise, night time noise no sleep to tired to work

Don’t agree with turbines

Affected Resident 2-4km

Poor TV reception

Daytime nuisance noise, night time noise impacts sleep everybody tired

Affected resident 4-5km

Poor TV

Daytime noise makes it hard to work, night time noise no sleep

Affected resident 4-5km

Static TV and no radio reception

Daytime noise annoying strange noises

Night time noise hard to sleep

Affected Residents 5-7.5km

Telly reception bad

Day time noise is annoying night time noise stops us sleeping

Wind turbines are bad.

Affected Resident 5-7.5km

TV and radio bad reception

Day time noises are upsetting

Noise at night makes it difficult to sleep all tired.

Non Affected Residents 5-7.5km

The wind farm has generated a lot of ill feeling in the community.

Oddly enough it seems to some degree that the hosts (of the wind farm) feel they have some ownership over who gets what and a lot of the disharmony is coming from them.

They feel the Breadalbane Community or Breadalbane tricked Origin into funding the Hall they built and are running a hate campaign. I believe. The method of running the CDEP's should be more transparent and it is a lot better.

That adjacent landholders (within 2kms) should receive some form of compensation. That would go a long way to solving disputes or ill felling.

But good luck to the wind farm hosts, No one begrudges them anything but its strange they are the ones causing the trouble you would think they would be keen for the community to share in the benefits. It's very hard to understand.

Even if mistakes have been made its time to bury the hatchet and move on.

Non Affected Resident 7.5 to 10km

Whilst we are not directly affected by the Cullerin turbines we believe that they are a blight on the landscape and we do not support further construction. We believe that they are inefficient technology purely to appease the "Green Vote" They could not survive without huge subsidies.

Thank you so much for taking the time to conduct this survey.

Non affected resident 7.5 – 10km

We have no issues at all with any current or proposed wind farms.

Non affected resident 10km +

I live far enough away from Cullerin Range Wind Farm to not be affected by the things you have listed, IE: noise shadow flicker and TV/radio interference. I started off being towards being positive toward wind farms, as anything that is seen to be green and beneficial to our landscape and wellbeing is a great thing, but since then (more than 3 years ago) I have been educated about wind farms.

They are in my opinion and others, far from green. They are lethal to bird life and bats and many protected species, that small individual persons would be fined and jailed for causing harm to.

They are causing family's to leave their homes due to health issues and not just neighbours, but people who are being paid to have them on their property, the amount of concrete they require, oil for their gear boxes, landscape disturbance, gas to prevent fire in their towers, etc. all for intermittent power.

I asked a RATCH employer, from one of their exhibitions, if they would build their industrial wind farm at Collector if they did not benefit from REC subsidies, without hesitation the reply was NO.
The only true wilderness is between the ears of a green.

Non affected resident 10km+

The turbines affect our amenity. They are intrusive.

From my reading of the press and other articles the wind turbines are the second most expensive source of electrical power.

Gas is the most efficient source with the advantage that gas turbines can be turned on or off as required unlike wind turbines, solar and coal fired power stations.