

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO RURAL WIND FARMS

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To the Director,

I am writing to express my objection to the site position of the proposed wind farms at Scone (and any other future wind farms in Australia). I am certainly not against green energy, but not at the expense of subjecting the people and communities who live near them to the wind turbine "pollution" (visual, noise, light flicker) and the emotional stresses of changing the rural environment into an industrial site.

Good planning and foresight should ensure that the placement of wind turbines should have a "buffer" from any home, school, hospital and community area. A "buffer" of 7.5 km should be the absolute minimum. More than 12km would be ideal. In the Kyoto Environmental Report, it clearly shows that from 7.5 km away, the Wind turbines impact starts to change from high to still a medium impact and then after 12km the impact reduces again.

Realistically Australia has the space to build wind farms in areas of minimum use. The built environment only covers 0.3% of Australia. Together with other agriculture areas (Dryland agriculture 5.2 % and Irrigated agriculture 0.3%) people and the land we live on only account for 5.8% of Australia's 769 million hectares. Taking into consideration areas of Nature conservation, Forestry and other protected areas including indigenous uses, only another 21.9% of land has continuing use.

This leaves a whopping 72.3% or 555.9 million hectares of land in minimal use. This land could be available for use for such developments in Australia rather than placing them near communities. If jobs are to be created from these wind farms then surely placing wind farms out from small, more insolated struggling communities on of the fringes of the farm land would benefit most.

I feel that the using these areas of minimal use or/and recycling other areas that have already been changed by mining, for example, would keep the "utility areas" (industrial) together and save the small area (5.8%) of prime land.

We respect the indigenous people and their land; the same respect should also be shown to all the Australian people and the land around them and their communities.

These wind farms don't need to be sited near people.

The developer of a wind farm said to me,

If this doesn't happen here it will just go some where else.

They don't care where they go as long as they do.

Please consider the HIGH impact these Wind Farms
have on the people and communities near them and site them with care.

Sincerely,

Julianne Frost

www.anra.gov.au/topics/land/landuse/index.html