

Supplementary
Submission
No 15d

INQUIRY INTO RURAL WIND FARMS

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17/10/09.

The Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No.5
Parliament House
Macquarie Street Sydney NSW 2000.

Dear Director,

Please find enclosed information I would have liked to have been able to bring to your attention on Friday 16th October 2009 at Tamworth.

1. I have enclosed a copy of information from John J. Jess, Victoria in regard to property devaluation.
2. About power in Denmark – their involvement with Wind has been lengthy, the factories for building turbines is the best thing to come out of it for them. They have I believe the dearest power in Europe.
3. Business Week article – all of it is disturbing, on page three they mention the foundations. It is a concern when an earthquake has impacted on this area (as diagram indicates) in 1989. How would these “monsters” withstand this if bases are weakened due to size?
4. It was asked why I mentioned a 10km buffer? Because of eg;
 - a) Wind turbine Syndrome.
 - b) Dr. Robyn Phipps states 25% of people in her study still heard turbines up to 10km's away.
 - c) The UK Noise Ass. Information – “that the larger modern turbines may well be significantly noisier”. We are constantly being told differently by Developers!
 - d) At the Open Day that Pamada held in February 2008, the noise consultant, once we indicated to him where we lived on the map said, “it will be noisy – you'll get used to it”.
5. Aboriginal Heritage – I included that in my submission because at that time the area known as Glen Range had 11 turbines. However at this stage it would appear 8 have been removed. Hopefully the Co. will remove the remaining three. As the Wedge Tailed Eagle nests in this area we are certainly praying for this outcome! Putting a \$1,500 fine on the slaying of this majestic bird is appalling – no amount of money will replace them. They are also the “totem” bird for the Wanaruah people I believe.

I have enclosed also some of the peer review material re Dr. N. Pierpont plus the Beaufort scale in relation to what wind is required to allow this industry to function. Interesting

particularly when I e-mailed the local weather bureau and he said Scone was only about 4 on the scale – maybe higher on the ridgelines!

The other article would appear to back up the last speaker's (Richard Tanner 16/10/09) insight into how profitable this industry is going to be for some.

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I appreciated the opportunity to address the Panel. I congratulate panel members and other staff for making what could have been a “stressful” experience for us all, a very enlightening day.

Patrice Newell today 19/10/09, ABC Radio. “Why aren't government listening to the people?” – at least we felt as though you were listening – all we can hope for now is that something positive will arise out of the exercise.

Yours sincerely,

Noreen Marshall.

