

Submission
No 38

INQUIRY INTO RURAL WIND FARMS

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Letter 2**Keith Thompson,**13th August 2009,

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

Dear Director,

Reference: Inquiry into Rural Wind Farms.

I have attached my five submissions that I have sent to the Department of Planning for the Kyoto Industrial Energy Park at Scone. I do this to show the Committee the problems that we have with being so close to an industrial development as we are (just over 1km from our home, not our boundary fence).

I also enclose a letter from my wife's hearing specialist to show the problems we are facing and that we are going to experience in the future, if this Scone Wind Farm does go ahead.

Enclosed is a CD copy of the 'EA' for the Kyoto Industrial Energy Park here at Scone, it runs to approx 1500 pages, but it does seem to miss out on several things that your Committee will cover, I hope, in your discussions.

One of those items is our 'HUMAN HEALTH', yes it does go into Noise, Visual, Flora and Fauna, etc but it misses US (Humans Health).

I was at a Upper Hunter Shire Council Sub-Committee meeting on Development and Environment two days ago and from the Public area I asked if the Sub-Committee would consider putting into their submission to your Committee a request to have all future Industrial Wind Farm Proposals include a condition for the human's health to be examined and recorded, some time prior to the construction of the Wind Farm components. Then say, 3 months after the commissioning and each 3 months for the first 5 years, ofcourse all at the proponents cost (and the transport costs to the particular medical facility that the testing is to carry out for the medical history). I recommend that ALL people of all ages in a radius of 4kms be included, that distance is to be from any of the proposed sites.

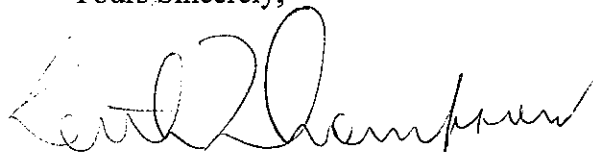
On the 1st July 2009 we had a visit to our home from two representatives of the Proponent of the Kyoto Industrial Energy Park at Scone, who stated that the dB(A) readings at our home were averaged at 25dB(A) for night and daytimes readings and he also stated that the consultant that did the reports etc for the 'EA' on Noise, said that the whole dB(C) (Vibrations) did not exist. Well we know that statement is incorrect. Dr Nina Pierpont of

the USA has a book coming out in September 2009 about "Wind Farm Syndrome", may I suggest you look up her web site and order several copies to see and understand her study of the problem. I would like you to see that Dr Pierpont is a Doctor, with several of her colleges being Professors. By this I mean that the Australian consultants may not have sufficient qualifications to make remarks (it doesn't matter how flippant they may have been) about dB(C) vibrations from Wind Turbines.

On Wednesday 12th August 2009, in a phone conversation with the same representative of the proponent's, he now admits that they do realise that the "Wind Farm Syndrome" does exist, but "it is taken into account with the dB(A) readings" is his comment, this I feel as if they are trying to cover an error in their 'EA'.

If a property is mentioned in an 'EA' about 20 times and the local Council mentions the same property, there seem to be some very big problems to do with that property's position and the Wind Farm. I refer you to the Scone Wind Farm 'EA' and our property "PeakHill", we are mentioned in both of the above ways, so I recommend for the future that measures should be put into place so as this problem does not happen again. I can't see a solution for our property and the proponents of the Scone Wind Farm, but hopefully the Department of Planning will consult with us to come to some solutions.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "K".

Keith Thompson. J.P. nsw