Supplementary Submission No 15c

INQUIRY INTO RURAL WIND FARMS

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The Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5
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Dear Director,

DEMOCRACY. (a State having) Government by ALL the people, direct or representative; form of society ignoring hereditary class distinctions and tolerating minority views. (from the Concise Oxford Dictionary).

After watching A Current Affair segment from 13/08/09 in relation to the Wind Industry at Waubra Victoria I have to ask Is Democracy alive and well? How are Government's, whatever allegiance, allowing people to be destroyed emotionally, health wise and financially.

Even if only a fraction of what these affected people were saying is true it surely must make Government at both STATE and FEDERAL level realise that these things have huge impact on peoples quality of life.

Mining does as we all know, but people are COMPENSATED and can relocate to a mine free area. If both Governments were honest you are NOT going to stop mining anytime in the near future! The attitude by Government that it is all right to sacrifice a "few" for the "greater good of all" is seriously a huge moral issue.

If Government is going to continue to promote the wind industry then the location of the turbines needs to be the number one priority. Away from densely populated areas such as Scone, positioned in situations where mining has already destroyed the landscape beyond redemption.

When you have a noise consultant tell you at the open day Pamada had that they "will be noisy" – "you'll get used to it", after seeing ACA we are greatly concerned, not that we weren't already.

When Pamada themselves say in the "scheme of things the whole project will produce little unfortunately", why are Governments allowing them to be built in such densely populated areas?

When people like Professor Mark Disendorf, (who promotes wind industry) makes statements like "they are 30% productive, some decades before we have the expertise to

store the power" why are we building them in areas where they are destroying people's lives?

When Pamada themselves say it is difficult to pay "emotional compensation" I do wonder how the director would like his 300 degree view blocked off by more high rise buildings! I doubt he would and would fight hard to STOP it. Wouldn't that devalue his property the same as this project is going to devalue the many properties that are surrounding this site? In their own EA Pamada state that anything within 7.5km's is going to be high visual impact!

The evidence is mounting within Australia that the location of this industry (if Governments are going to persist with it) is of critical importance. Evidence is also mounting in regard to serious health issues which if allowed to compound will be the responsibility of any Government who continues to allow the developments to be within closely populated areas. Compensation for properties affected by this industry must occur. It would appear to me that you CANNOT have one group who are compensated (mines) and another who have to wear the devaluation of their asset up to 30%. In regard to the Scone development Pamada themselves in the EA state "numerous". How many is "numerous"?

As this Inquiry is not to be finalised for some 6 months, one would seriously hope that not another wind industry will be approved until after the findings are made known.

Yours faithfully,

Jim and Noreen Marshall.