

Dear Tim Anderson,

As far as planning rules go it's a FARCE. As a treechanger 25 years ago to the majestic Eastern Mt Lofty Ranges - near Cambrai, I didn't realise the last 10 years would have been spent fighting 2 Giant Wind Farms (Keyneton and Palmer) proposals to be erected upon the glorious hills that form my backdrop. AMENITY — What is that? Certainly not being surrounded by Giant Industrial Wind Turbines for as far as the eye can see!". Mid Murray Council Objective 19: Development of high architectural standards that responds to and reinforces positive aspects of the local environment and built forms. I think not!

Whats the point of a Senate Inquiry, a wind farm commissioner (useless, - only a facilitation role) - a health, noise study currently underway by Flinders University started for the NHMRC as a result of the Senate Enquiry.

A MORATORIUM should be imposed until this study has been completed. The Gippsland Council did independant noise/sound recordings to appease the residents living near the Bald Hills turbines and to their surprise it was way over the sound level parameters. People all over are suffering the sonic misery expelled by these monsters. The Flinders Uni study is monitoring affected homes up to 8 kilometres away. Setbacks should be greatly increased if they are having problems 8k's away. (This is not new information it's been happening all over the globe). Having a few nights of disturbed sleep does not



mean a person is ill, but the stress from repeated sleep disturbance will lead to ill health. High levels of low frequency noise and infrasound leads to changes in blood pressure, pulse and heart rates. Larger modern turbines have the capacity to produce even lower frequency noise and broadcast it over a much larger area affecting more residents. The wind farm commissioner, Andrew Dyer - "The most common complaint issues in relation to wind farms are related to noise from the turbines and health impacts.

The WHO Principle is the enjoyment of the highest standard of health is one of the fundamental RIGHTS of EVERY human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition.

Sounds containing certain characteristics, specific to wind turbines eg: tonal, low frequency and amplitude modulation are frequently perceived to be more intrusive. The 2009 EPA guidelines need to be formally reviewed and to include audible noise, low frequency noise and infrasound. As you move to quieter environments then the criteria that apply should also drop down.

Mid Murray Council objective 62 - Native Flora, Fauna and ecosystems protected, retained, conserved and restored. The eastern slopes of the Mt Lofty Ranges supports the largest remnants of Woodland Vegetation Communities in S.A. and are a vital refuge for many species of birds. The location of the Palmer Wind farm is in a Federally Declared National Biodiversity Hotspot and is included in the "S.A. Regional Recovery Plan for



threatened species and ecological Communities of Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges. MMC Development Plan council wide principles of Development control 163, 165, 168, 169, 171, 175, 176, 177 and 181 are supposed to protect the local environment. None of this seems to make any difference. Allowing the construction and operation of any wind turbines will have a serious detrimental effect on the biodiversity assets with devastating consequences on the health of local ecosystems.

Fact - field surveys were done for Trustpower's Palmer Wind Farm for vegetation assessment were conducted on 22nd → 29th January 2014. Much of the area was burnt out from the Eden Valley fires that occurred on the 17th - 20th January 2014. Not much to survey!! The regrowth has been colossal on properties with no livestock. Where's the survey now.

Talking about fires, lives will be at risk as on the CFS website they state "aircraft will not be utilised because of risks caused by vertical obstructions. The Aerial Agricultural Association of Australia oppose any wind farm developments as they are a direct threat to aviation safety. The main factor that saved us in the Eden Valley fire was the fire bombers.

Wind Power, not clean, not green. Wind Turbines only produce 20-30% of quoted amounts of power. and create havoc on the system with their erratic supply of power. We still need BASELOAD. These wind farms will never be able to stand on their own, They need all the subsidies they



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can get. Why are we paying for overseas companies to come in and wreak havoc. Pacific Hydro (Keyneton Wind farm) has been acquired by the State Power Investment Corporation (SPIC) through its subsidiary, State Power Investment Overseas of China (Chinese government) Tilt Australia (Palmer wind farm) New Zealand Trustpower in disguise.

The statewide wind farm Development Plan Amendment introduced by John Rau has completely undermined our protection against inappropriate development in many council areas. To have removed our right of appeal to what we consider unreasonable developments is an affront to our basic humanity and civil rights!!

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P.S. Because of confusion with the Barossa Protection Zone boundaries it seems to me that 10 Turbines are within this zone! How is this protection and why wasn't it considered in the approval process.

Hoping to make a difference. Thank you for your time.