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The Hon. Tony Abbott, MP
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Open letter re: wind farm impacts.

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2546042/Proof-wind-turbines-thousands-home-value-homes-1-2-miles-wind-farms-slashed-11-cent-study-finds.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490

Property in close proximity to wind farms is devaluing as evidenced in the above news article link from Britain. Unofficially informed by a real estate valuer that our home and land neighbouring the Cape Bridgewater Wind Farm is "**virtually un-saleable**" and leaves us part of a growing number of Australians unable to 'sell up' and just move on.

I am expressing concern for my family situation and for residents of South Portland whom shortly will deal with impacts of Stage 4 of the Portland Wind Energy Project; one home is 350 metres close. Cumulatively, turbines in the Portland district, South West and Central Victoria will synergistically impact much further distances and studies need to be independently undertaken to determine what I personally and others professionally, detect here at Cape Bridgewater, Portland and other areas.

This wind farm project and others are unbelievably and wrongly proceeding regardless of warnings and evidence of health and noise impacts being endured.

Devaluations of 11% and higher and abandoned homes due to noise exposure must surely be of concern to you as well. I have trust, due to Senator Madigan's speech in Parliament just prior to Christmas, and with your ongoing interest, that empathy, willingness and resolve to openly and actively take measures, will prevent this economic, health and landscape disaster continuing.

Mortgage obligations for an historical, Wilson family, perhaps 'Henty' built settler house, (see p19. Amendment C55 Planning Panel Report, May 2013) its unique location now inundated with industrial infrasound, broadband noise and vibrations, is a complete and devastating loss for us and historical and cultural loss for the State. Financial and real loss certainly not covered by insurance. We have the responsibilities of the advantaged, to no benefit and find ourselves in a newest group of disadvantaged as *wind farm refugees*.

66% of people surveyed near Macarthur wind farm are adversely being affected. <http://waubrafoundation.org.au/2013/macarthur-preliminary->

[survey-shows-effects-out-8-9km/](#). If say one in four people have profound health impacts from wind farm exposure you may expect more distressed people, more abandoned homes and more requests for answers and assistance and related rising and preventable costs.

Problems experienced are brought to your attention to prevent further damage and conflict and as with any problems, resolution must be found. What is the resolution for wind farm property devaluation, neighbouring homelessness, growing numbers of wind farm related health concerns, escalating energy costs and Government Departments and wind energy companies that do not respond to legitimate questions? Resolution is not occurring in conduction of meeting after endless meeting or letters proffering no meaningful help. There is probably a yuppie term but 'passing the buck' and lack of empathy and action holds no resolution for anyone.

Power lies in a pen-stroke that could allow at least a good and restorative sleep by turning off turbines at night. Resolution could be found if wind facilities are constructed and operate to planning permit conditions. The Cape Bridgewater wind facility operations exceed noise standards and no-one enacts the law, to stop Pacific Hydro etc. creating nuisance. No answer lies in planning permit conditions for neighbours as current noise standards are inadequate for modern gigantic turbines and components that are geared for maximum shareholder gain. Review and investigation of current planning guidelines, practices and authority to ensure protection for neighbours is required.

No wind farm should be constructed within the Victorian 2km wind farm buffer zone as is currently underway in Portland.

Our first reports of noise were made, following official procedure, not long after commissioning of c.b.wind farm in 2008, un-aware others apart from immediate neighbours, were being adversely impacted by noise. Previously we supported the idea of turbine generated electricity but were assuredly, emphatically and dismissively told, if there were to be problems, those problems would be fixed. Told by Council and Pacific Hydro there would be no noise, no EMF's, no pollution. Over five years reporting experiences to Glenelg Shire, EPA, Health Dept, Planning Department (Dtlpi), Minister Guy, our GP and Specialists, the media, Government Inquiries (confidential submissions) etc. Five years with no respite from exposure to noise and no resolution.

Ita Buttrose on Australia Day pointed out (words to this effect), that the weakest i.e. disadvantaged people of a nation are a reflection on the weakness of the Government. Escalating and unending negative impacts of wind facilities disadvantages people, our Government, federal and local, our States and Shires and should be addressed. Negative wind facility impacts and associated fraudulent behaviour as disclosed in Parliament must be ceased and resolved; as any other national concern to public health, well-being and private property of the populace would be.

Be concerned, and then be the example for the world. Mr. Abbott, Australia is not founded on hypocrisy, lies and abuse of power. I ask all, how will you with honesty Serve and who is your mentor. John Madigan and Ita Buttrose are only two examples of great figures of Service to disadvantaged people. There is a serious price not measured in percentage, for loss of public trust that no measure of 'Company' social license or social management ever resolves.

Yours sincerely,

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