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Submission RE: Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012

Dr. Wayne J. Spring

Dear Senators,

I support the provisions of this bill. I am concerned about the impact of unregulated noise pollution on people close to the wind farms. If noise pollution is occurring, and people's sleep and health is suffering as a result, the proposed amendments will at least help to detect it.

As a Sleep Physician, working in Ballarat in Western Victoria, I have already been seeing patient from Waubra, Leonard's Hill, Glenthompson and Cape Bridgewater who have disturbed sleep which has coincided with the commencement of operation of nearby wind farms. I do not believe that we yet know the full extent of the consequences to these people of their exposure to wind farms or even the cause of the untoward effects which may not just be from "noise". Nonetheless, assessment of noise is a start in the monitoring of what is going on.

I am happy to attend the Senate inquiry and answer questions in person depending on the day or alternatively appear by video link.

Yours Sincerely,

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