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These comments are a compilation drawn from personal communications and interviews of those suffering ill health from the onset of industrial wind turbine operations<sup>1</sup>.

Their frustration and loss of social justice is apparent. Any compassionate member of society cannot help but be moved.

## Excerpts From A Case Study<sup>©</sup> : How Would You Feel?

Industrial wind turbines start up, a family’s life starts to change. The toddler seems ill; the doctor can’t explain the illness. The parents do not sleep well; the parents’ health changes. The family life changes; the toddler is still ill.

Stress upon stress, the family unit separates; the child moves to her Grandmother’s far away from home and gets better. The family reconnects.

Still the industrial turbines are operating all around their property, the toddler becomes ill again. The doctor still cannot find a problem. This pattern continues until the link to the wind facility is made.

But, a new family member is on the way. All are desperately worried.

With a lot of outside pressure the family unit is billeted by the wind company in a motel room and given a food allowance.

All of their life possessions are now in one room.

They have now been coping in the single room 7 1/2 months and the new baby arrives.

This should be a time of overwhelming joy. But there are four family members now in one motel room. So after immense outside pressures, the wind company agrees to fund a second room across the hall so they can have two rooms to exist in as a family.

The family is working double time now to find a place to rent far from the wind facility and keep the original home.

This family and their neighbours, as have all other wind victims in Ontario, have contacted every level of their government asking for the problem to be resolved. But they do not get justice; they get the political, bureaucratic and professional “runaround”. Soon more and more people will come to experience this first hand.

Isn’t this supposed to be a democratic, just and caring society?

An industry and government together have fostered the disregard of human health, safety and life....a young family of four cannot even live in their own home in rural Ontario.

Where are the professionals who took an oath as part of their engineering or medical certification to protect us? Our elected politicians have abandoned us.

People who have sat back and let the political system run unchecked without moral direction must rise up. We need candidates and leadership who will put the balance back between citizen and big business. Who will put the lobbyist “genie” of industrial wind energy back in its bottle of regulatory confinement where it belongs?

## Loss Of Justice And Belief In The System

“The noise is complicated - you have to become an engineer even though you don’t want to”

“Who do you go to for help? - the government says its ok - the industry says its ok - society says its ok. I follow all the rules – the government and industry are cocky, have an attitude, arrogant, belligerent – they call me a NIMBY (Not In My Backyard). What can I do – the developer says it has a license and a right to put the turbines there”

“Humidity makes is worse but companies say they are not allowed to test then because it ruins their equipment”

“Governmental Planning Panels ignore legitimate claims and worries from country residents, worries about health effects from turbines, and also their disastrous effects on migratory birds, like the Brolgas at the planned Stockyard Hill windfarm. [Australia]...People are desperate.”

“Shame on our politicians for letting this happen. Shame on our Chief Public Health Officer. Shame on our local health unit”

“It’s David and Goliath”...“Government is the enabler”

“Out of compliance noise testing is set up to fail – they tested during harvest season when tractors were in the fields” ...“They test when 5 turbines are down – not when all are operating”

“The wind developer lies and lies and no one does anything about it”... “[name of developer] said it would fund fighting a law suit”...“Lawyers are hired to fight innocent people who can’t afford it – it’s a Kangaroo court”

“I AM NOT WORTH AS MUCH AS A \$7.00 DUCK”<sup>3</sup>

“It’s forced suppression - you tippy-toe around the issues” ... “The truth is suppressed”

“WE HAVE A DYSFUNCTIONAL COUNCIL”

“It is not ruled by the government. BIG WIND in charge here. I live near (2.5 km) from Margonin - it's hell! In a small village in Poland”

“The wind developers never answer your questions”  
“INTIMIDATION TACTICS ARE USED”  
“THE MURDER SUSPECT IS IN CHARGE OF THE AUTOPSY”

“What is happening to us it criminal and immoral”... “I resent being stepped on like an ant by a corporation with the blessing of my government.”

“Our social peace is gone by recklessly acting wind companies, who "successfully" were splitting communities and even friends and families. Local politicians were turning their backs on us and united with the wind lobby...Whom shall we trust in difficult times to come?”

“I am forced to sit back and say nothing as my own teachers teaches my classmates and peers that wind energy is flawless and it will save the future generations from the energy crisis that our generation currently faces. I am forced to live away from home with my grandmother. I can never go home.”

“Although the Japanese government has just started a survey on the low-frequency noise, we suspect they will not solve the problem seriously.”

“Our MPPs snuck out like rats during the vote for health – our MPPs are cow-ards” ... “Our local MPP had her office call the OPP because a victim was waiting outside to talk to her”<sup>4</sup>

“Many people don’t dare to say openly “I’m against Wind Energy” because they will be laughed at, abused, insulted and provoked by officialdom and the media. They are even threatened and attacked by those who want to make “Big Money with Big Wind” !- Many people are too frightened to speak openly for their civil rights. They are desperate because they receive neither help nor support. -. I’m not talking theory! I speak from painful, personal experience!...Living beside wind turbines between 300 to 1000 m away is like a trip to hell!”



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## Hopelessness And Grief

*“Society has no soul” . . .  
“Where is the empathy”*

*“I am a German victim of the impacts of a 180 m high wind turbine - placed in 750 meters distance from our home. The situation for my family and for many other families in the neighbourhood is totally intolerable and beyond endurance!!”*

*“I am going through the stages of mourning”*

*“This is happening without my permission - I didn’t get that memo...”*

*“We watch helplessly as our loved ones and pets suffer and we can’t do anything to help”*

*“I was a victim of wind turbine syndrome...I had to abandon my home in Tuscany because of the terrible symptoms. My house is worth nothing (ca. 900m from the nearest turbine, hilly terrain).”*

**“THE LEVEL OF HOPELESSNESS AND HELPLESSNESS CAN’T BE MEASURED — WE ARE IN OUR 3RD YEAR AND IT NEVER ENDS”**

## Social And Community Status

*“No one believes you – they want to see bandages – they don’t see my racing heart, my blurry eyes, my ringing ears” ... “You get to the point you mentally want to do something rash”*

*“Everyone makes you feel you are a liar” ... “You are told by those who don’t live with wind turbines that it’s your fault”*

**“Everyone is afraid” . . .**

**“You are forced to justify and prove your credibility”**

*“I grew up here — I am at the point where I try to hide from everyone”*

*“It splits people. We have no one but you guys<sup>5</sup> – we feel very lonely and isolated”*

**“YOU FIND SOCIAL STRENGTH BUT NOT SOCIAL JUSTICE”**

## Altered Financial Stability

*“This has brought me to my knees financially”*

*“There is no recourse except legal – I got an estimate of \$100,000 – [but] my money is in my property”*

*“Neighbours suffer a lot from noises, shadows, infrasound of these industrial installations. Moreover, there houses lose about 30 and 40 % of their value, often can’t be sold at all.”*

*“The developer told us to get a lawyer, but we can’t afford it”*

*“Lost \$50,000 in one year due to problems with my livestock”*

## Other Losses

“We had to send our kids away, we planned they would take over the family Farm ...”...“My daughter got very sick and we had to send her to live with her grandmother...”

“Sadly, the mainstream media has largely ignored the problem, for it’s not politically correct to tell the truth about windfarms [Spain].

“Our family has been caught up in this nightmare for over four years. We exist. We have had to relocate our family. When we are not dealing with the daily issues that arise, we spend our time commuting back and forth to our livestock and submitting letters and correspondence to the agencies that we believed were ‘accountable’ in protecting the public. We will never be the same. How could we? It is crystal clear that we are nothing. Our voices continue to be ignored.”

“We are left with a basic existence - loss of family - you know you are worth absolutely nothing”

*“The whole focus of our family is wind turbines – our first question in the morning is ‘how many times did you vomit?’ ”*

“I know , from people I have spoken to, of the serious problems wind turbines have caused for people here in England; some of whom have had to abandon their homes.”

“You doubt yourself - if you have a good day”

“I try to do my laundry, to feed my family – doctors say to ‘get out of my house’”...“I don’t know where to go”

1) A compilation of personal communications and interviews by Barbara Ashbee, Lorrie Gillis, Carmen Krogh: January 2009 to October 2010.  
2) A True Event  
3) Refers to the rescue of some ducks at the Alberta Tar Sands  
4) MPP means Member of Provincial Parliament (Ontario)  
5) Refers to the Victims of Wind support network