

## STATEMENT OF JANET LOUISE HETHERINGTON

My name is Janet Louise Hetherington, and I live on my 510 acre property at 597 Gerrigerrup Road, Peshurst, Victoria, 3289.

I am three kilometres from the wind farm, and I feel the effects of the audible, low frequency and infrasound, from the Macarthur wind farm.

My late Husband Maurice and I have lived on this beautiful property for over 30 years.

Since my husband's sudden death in 2007, I have leased 500 acres of the farm, and live in the house. I also run a small glass business from home, and utilise the sheds for my studio and gallery areas.

Back in 2006 my husband and I were in the woolshed shearing, and two people came in and asked if we had any objections to a wind farm being built in the area. They showed us a picture of about 6 turbines on a hillside. We were not informed about the potential health problems, or of the potential noise problems.

To think, that we used to sit outside after a hard days work on the farm, enjoying the peace and quiet of our little piece of "paradise".

That is no more.

All you hear now, outside, is the continual rumble of the turbines. Inside the house, it is louder, and more intrusive.

On a windy day, it is worse. The West, South West, and the North West winds affect me most of all.

I find it difficult at times to work in my studio, as I feel vibration, and my body shakes inside, and I feel jittery. I feel that I have a lot of energy in my muscles, almost like an electric feeling, and I want to expel that energy. It makes me feel anxious, and it is upsetting. At times, it reduces me to tears.

I experience the same symptoms in my home.

It's dreadful.

At night I experience heart palpitations, stabbing pains in the chest, headaches, vibration, hot sweats as if I'm "cooking" inside, waking 4 to 5 times a night, and feeling exhausted the next morning. These symptoms occur quite regularly.

My daughter Sally and little six year old grand- daughter Ruby, can only stay with me on the farm for 2 nights maximum, as Sally experiences nausea, and headaches, and also fears for her daughters health.

I am forced to get away from this "torture" for a couple of days, every so often, when my work permits, or when it gets unbearable. When I am away, the symptoms go away, and I sleep soundly, but when I return to the farm, the symptoms return.

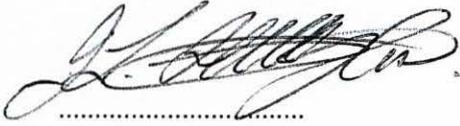
I have never in my life, experienced such painful symptoms, before the Macarthur wind farm started up.

Living near the Macarthur wind farm, has taken away my rights to live in peace and quiet.

It is an invasion, and intrusion into MY space, MY life, and MY health and wellbeing.

Signed by the above named

Janet L Hetherington



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