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Sonia Trist: Submission for the Review of the National Wind Farm Commissioner 2018.

Not confidential.

Dear Sirs,

Crispin Trist, my son, maintains his music studio at our home at [REDACTED], Cape Bridgewater.

(reference his Submission to this Review.)

I chose to purchase our home in 2006/07 for the artistic/creative pursuits of myself, my son and daughter, who visits regularly from Bristol, UK as a photographer and computer graphic designer. The house had been an Art Gallery and Studio prior to my purchase, and was manifestly fit for purpose.

The issue of the imposed proximity of 110m wind turbines (618m from living quarters of home, four under 1km) by Pacific Hydro Energy Facility lingers on. Now owned by the State Power Investment Corporation of China, the company has listened to our complaints without rectification, over time. Twenty nine 2MW turbines constructed and operational, by October/November 2008.

In June 2013 we attended CCC mtgs at Cape Bridgewater, culminating in the acoustic testing carried out by acoustician Mr Steven Cooper. We participated in that testing for some weeks in 2014. The findings are well recorded, and acclaimed by acoustic specialists across the world.

Pacific Hydro stonewalled the acclaimed results, even though at CCC meetings prior to the testing, we were told that the company wished to return our homes and lives to their previous liveability status.

On 9th March 2016 we officially met Mr Andrew Dyer. He visited our home [REDACTED] the next day and commented approaching the front door, that he could hear the turbines and, "that couldn't happen now!" It continues to happen, and not just at the front door.

We had a cordial discussion with him by the fireside, talking of classical music. He asked what I required of the company. I replied I had decided, in the face of their industrial presence, and the punishing affects of noise, proximity, sleep deprivation and anxiety, (I am in my seventies), that I wished to return to the UK to be with my family, as quickly as possible.

The Commissioner seemed to acknowledge the impact of the construction of the wind towers, with transmission lines crossing our visual horizon, and the threatened liveability inside our home and surrounding precincts. Over the past 10 years we have registered a scale of disruption, ranging from, "we've got to get out of here now... how can we possibly dispose of our home which is now a stranded asset, and pass this tortuous situation on to someone else." The responsibility for a vacated property continues after departure; maintenance, rates, fire protection, insurance.etc., and in my predicament half a world away.

The required energy, organising and relocating one's home is sufficient, without the involvement of an

overlord company's resolved intransigence and 'cold cuts' business acumen.

The Commissioner facilitated a meeting with Pacific Hydro on 13th July 2017.

The conditions of the meeting, i.e. a confidentiality agreement etc., were obviously discussed by Pacific Hydro with the Commissioner. I believed he had realistically observed our predicament. However, from the commencement of the meeting Mr Andrew Dyer appeared associated with the Pacific Hydro representatives, and markedly restrained from us.

The offer was an insult; questionable in content; a take it or leave it offer, without flexibility or reasonable private discussion with Pacific Hydro. I am not at liberty to divulge details.

I conclude the position of commissioner is inappropriate, inoperable, defined for a purpose which is beyond acceptability by affected residents; Imparting more disillusionment upon the emotionally and in some cases financially ruined, impacted and stressed rural residents.

There is no transparency of planning procedure by the State and Federal Governments.
This facilitates rampant exploitation by those involved with vested interests. No considered protection, or practical and lawfully defined consultation with rural residents.

The instigation of a solitary independent National Wind Farm Commissioner has by definition, been astoundingly inappropriate, costly, and should be disbanded in this format.

With deepening concerns,

Sonia Trist.