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Wind turbines: Health Warning issued

The Waubra Foundation has just issued an “Explicit Warning Notice” (1) to wind turbine manufacturers, developers, acousticians and governments worldwide.

Recently “rediscovered” research funded by the US Department of Energy and involving NASA and multiple other research organizations has shown that the health damaging effects directly caused by **infrasound and low frequency noise (ILFN)** emitted by wind turbines have been known to the wind industry, governments and acousticians in general, since 1985 (date of the official field study led by Dr. Neil Kelley). But this health risk has been covered up ever since, denounces the Foundation. “**Health authorities have been careful to exclude ILFN measurement and exposure limits from noise regulations**”, said its CEO, Dr. Sarah Laurie. “To this date, they continue to deny any problem exists with ILFN emitted by wind turbines, ignoring complaints of victims and their right to be protected against known health hazards from industrial installations”.

The wind industry argues that modern turbines are different, **but it has not proved that they are safe with respect to the emission of ILFN**. The onus is on them, and on the health authorities, to “**prove a positive**”, argues the Foundation. “**Like any product, it must be tested to be safe before it is sold**”, says Dr. Laurie. “There is **gross negligence** on the part of the authorities for approving modern wind turbine installation close to habitations without having verified that these machines are harmless.”

In view of this, and in the name of thousands of victims, the European Platform Against Windfarms (EPAW), and the North American Platform Against Windpower (NA-PAW), are hereby demanding that governments immediately:

- 1) - **adopt the evidence-based health protective ILFN exposure limits recommended by Kelley in 1985;**
- 2) - wherever wind turbine neighbors complain of effects on their sleep and/or health, monitor in their homes the full spectrum of noise pollution **and infrasound down to 0,1 Hz**, accurately, transparently and independently of wind developers, and
- 3) - actively enforce regulation breaches, ensuring affected neighbors are able to have the non-compliant wind turbines turned off at night **so they can sleep.**

“Sleep deprivation has been used as an effective means of torture and a technique for extracting confessions,” stated Dr. William Hallstein in his recent letter to the Board of Health of Falmouth, Massachusetts. (2)

Dr. Neil Kelley said in a recent interview: “ (subsequent research found that) the majority of the physics responsible for creating the annoyance associated with this (1985) downwind prototype **are applicable to large (modern) upwind machines.**” (3) Dr. Laurie concludes: “wind turbine designs may have changed, but human physiology has not”.

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