

But wind companies will not modify the operations of their business to reduce or prevent the harm. Instead, wind companies fix the problem by removing the neighbours with neighbour agreements.

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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Wind Farm

- Formal Complaint XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

We understand your formal noise complaint relates to infrasound, being an inaudible low frequency sound that is described as a pulsating and vibrational feeling. We note your comments that this occurrence is being experienced XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, and XXXXXXXX it is causing sleep disturbance and headaches, leading to daily discomfort with XXX increasing XXXXXXXXXXXX mental and physical ill health.

In order to alleviate your concerns:

1. XXXXXXXXXXXX is open to providing you the opportunity to enter into a Neighbour Deed under which XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX would provide you an annual financial payment to mitigate any potential impacts of the wind farm.
2. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX notes you eligible to participate in the XXXXXXXXXXXX Wind Farm's 'Off-site Landscape Screening Program' which facilitates the planting of screening vegetation to manage the visual impacts of the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Wind Farm. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX can undertake the planting and maintenance of the tree screening, or you can elect to receive a payment to undertake the planting and maintenance on your own accord.

XXXXXXXX – XXXXXXXX Wind Farm Project Director

They think that because they have been issued with a permit, they can operate their business as they wish without any constraints from regulatory authorities.

Neighbours are a problem for wind farms because neighbours can take legal action against the company for common law nuisance, which is a law separate to permit compliance.

Compensation can occur in a seemingly “innocent” format such as a tree agreement, a scholarship agreement, a neighbour agreement of any other cash/gift offer. This letter is an example of how a wind farm begins to remedy a problem neighbour.

Once a Neighbour Agreement or compensation agreement is signed, the noise nuisance problem is considered fixed. The wind farm has successfully remedied the problem neighbour and can continue to operate their business as they wish without constraint.