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Herewith my submission to the **Review of the Wind Farm Commissioner 2018**

I wish to submit that I am unhappy with the wind farm complaints process.

Whilst the Wind Farm Commissioner acknowledged our plight here at Cape Bridgewater, the fact remains we are still residing within close proximity to 29 2MW industrial scale wind turbines after a period of 10 years in a home that is now of little or no value. Our health has also been impacted. There was no suggestion that the turbines would be turned off or settings adjusted to limit the impact. Neither was there an option to take down the 4 turbines closest to the property. They are located within 1 kilometre. This is the current setback distance in Victoria. It used to be 2 kilometres. However this was reversed by the current Victorian Labor Government.

There was a feeling that the WFC was too close to the wind industry and could not therefore adequately represent us. It was either his way or the highway despite listening to our suggestions. The wind farm operator made us sign a confidentiality agreement. I cannot therefore disclose any further information. However, our requests were ignored despite the WFC giving us the impression he was sincere. An alternative option was presented to us which would have effectively restored the wind farm owner`s social licence to operate unhindered. Case closed. This came across as both patronising and insincere. The problems at our property are entirely of the wind farm operator`s making. There were no problems before the wind turbines were installed. However the council rates at the property still have to be paid on a home that cannot be lived in 24/7 and is now effectively worthless. This is simply not good enough.

We want the wind farm out of our lives. We do not want to be a part of it in anyway. That would be complicit of us.

I would argue that this process has been a distraction to merely allow the wind farm owner to continue to operate unhindered, without any real hope of fixing the actual problems the turbines have created.

I have chosen not to read the WFC`s report as I feel that actions speak louder than words.

I have lost faith in this process. I / we are only interested in a genuine resolution to our complaints.

Sincerely,

Crispin Trist

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The view from our garden.