

I'm Barbara Jackson; we have some of the Tararua wind turbines on our farm so feel that I can speak from close experience of living with wind turbines.

### Construction



I know from observing the building of all three stages of the Tararua Wind Farm that you don't get contamination of streams, etc. All runoff is contained with silt traps, etc. If responsible contractors are hired and Regional Council does their monitoring correctly the pollution doesn't occur.

### Visual

People talk about the hills becoming an industrial site. The hills have been an industrial site for a lot longer than a lot of those people have lived. What is farming if not an industry?

What is visual pollution? We all like different things, what a dull world if we didn't. I could think the spread of lifestyle blocks over the hills as visual pollution. To me visual pollution is a personal issue and, therefore, should have very little consideration.

### Noise

Our home is 1400 metres from the nearest Tararua wind turbines. I have never heard them in our home. Occasionally, given the right weather conditions, I will hear a slight murmur when outside. My visitors also have great difficulty in

hearing them. With the present noise restrictions on wind farms now in place to me it is very simple, if those noise levels are exceeded they are shut down until rectified.

In conclusion, I would like to say wind turbines are environmentally friendly. If something comes along to supersede them they can be removed with no adverse effects. The country is wanting more power generation, this is one of the best areas in the world for wind turbines so why not utilise it. Where would we be if those living along our rivers with hydro dams on them were able to have said, "We have enough power for us, we have done our bit", where would we be now? It's our turn now.

This project will benefit every Palmerston North city ratepayer as the more revenue received from this wind farm the less to be found from other sources.

Thank you.

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