

# Appendix Seven

**Lofty said...**

keen to hear the context of the turbine collapse- looked to me like an intended collapse hence the nice movie.. could it just be that the failure happened during failure testing typically done in the field of material science to avoid failure in real life? and another thought re turbine fire ..yes they do happen but so do plane crashes which doesn't stop people from getting on a plane..

June 18, 2008 8:27 PM

---

**Palmerston North said...**

Hi Lofty.

No, the video of the turbine collapsing in Denmark earlier this year was not a test. These turbines cost around \$6 million NZ installed and the technicians only just escaped with their lives. Shortly after this failure another in Denmark imploded and a national enquiry was launched. Here is a quote from The Copenhagen Post , the leading Danish newspaper ...

Minister demands explanation for windmill collapse

By The Copenhagen Post

Published 25.02.08 00:00

"The climate minister will begin an investigation into two separate cases of Vestas wind turbines collapsing within the past week

The climate minister, Connie Hedegaard, is calling for an investigation to determine the cause of two violent wind turbine collapses in Denmark in the past week.

Both of the windmills were produced by Vestas, and Hedegaard's request to the Energy Board comes after other breakdowns both here and abroad have been reported in the past two months."

---