

Lesson 19: They will use Your Data Against You

The Primary Regulator, EPA Victoria, has made provision for the use of paddock loggers to determine wind turbine noise compliance.

This hands the wind farm:

- the power to delete data at your home.
- a valuable asset free of charge.

Wind farms will manipulate noise compliance by claiming the noise measured kilometres away in a paddock is more accurate than the noise measured at your home.

All noise data, including paddock data, is valuable business collateral for the wind farm to attract foreign buyers, new investors, or borrow from the banks.

Securing possession of your data is the first step to the wind farm's defence against you in court.

Wind farms will pressure and harass you for access to your data.

They will present as honest, caring professionals.... but it's a trick.

An agent will knock on an unsuspecting neighbour's door at the most inconvenient time (e.g. meal time), and say...

"... Hi, I'm from the wind farm.

Is it ok if I put a noise logger on your paddock?

It won't be a problem, but it will help us to ensure we have a more accurate measurement of the noise..."

Wind farms will never relinquish the noise data – it is far too valuable an asset for them to let go.

Here's a Paddock Logger at Bald Hills

This logger was used against the neighbours in court.

It was placed between the house and the turbines.



The Bald Hills Wind Farm company used paddock loggers to justify the deletion of the high-noise data at the houses.

They claimed that noise measured at a paddock closer to the turbines was a more accurate representation of the turbine noise at the house.

They considered that if the noise at the house was higher than the noise at the paddock it was not due to the turbine noise, so it could be deleted.

They argued the higher noise levels at the house were due to other extraneous noises such as insects or leaves rustling in the trees.

It took the neighbours a court case to prove this claim to be patently absurd. [\[Uren 2022\]](#)

Here's a snippet of the Mortlake South wf Noise Prediction Map.

The paddock loggers are strategically located along the 45dB LA90 contour line, between the houses and the turbines.

This is deliberate.

It seems their intention is to delete high-noise data at the houses in order to claim compliance once the wind farm starts up.

They will use the paddock loggers against the neighbours.

Paddock Loggers are a ploy to entrap you.

You need to protect yourself and your family by:

- NOT allowing paddock loggers onto your land.
- Undertaking your own independent background testing, with a trusted acoustician who will hand over the data.

