Wind Farm Living EDUCATING THE LAWYERS Series

Lesson 23: They want to Sign You Up to Get Rid of You

As a neighbour you are a problem to the wind company.

They know they will cause you harm.

They know they will cause you sleep disturbance.

They know you may suffer turbine sickness.

Neighbours pose a threat because:

- 1. Neighbours can complain, which is a black mark against their business credentials.
- 2. Neighbours can take legal action, and, like the Bald Hills Boys, have the power to turn the turbines off.
- 3. Wind farms have no defence against the Tort of Nuisance, their compliance methods are flawed, and they are exposed in court.

They need to negate you.

They do this by signing you up to a neighbour agreement or deed.

The agreement or deed follows the title.

You are deemed a business stakeholder and are required to comply with confidentiality laws.

So if you sign an agreement then can't sleep at night -

- 1. You will be forced to leave your home.
- You may not attract any buyers because of the neighbour agreement covenant on your land title.
- 3. You may be forced to abandon your home because the covenant triggers disclosure laws.

Wind farm developers need your Land Title as part of their business collateral.

It is more attractive to the banks and foreign investors or buyers if the neighbours are gagged.

They are trained at the con.

Here's how it works:

They leave a noise prediction map that says the maximum you will hear is 40dB (like a fridge).

When in fact, 40dB is the minimum noise you will hear in your bedroom – and there is no maximum level.

They hard sell by saying things like:

- * "Everyone is signing you will miss out".
- * "There is only so much money you will miss out".

They offer "free" noise testing to collect your noise data to use against you in court.

They offer a "gift" of a tree plantation to claim later the background levels have increased because of the growth in the tree foliage.

Do your Own Background Testing

Wind farms will manipulate and engineer your quiet background environment to show your home is noisy at night.

You need to get your own data to prove otherwise.

Engage a reputable independent Acoustician.

WFL recommends:

L Huson & Associates office@huson.com.au Noise Measurement Services: info@noisemeasurement.com.au

You need to Protect your Asset and your Family - DON'T SIGN ANYTHING

Don't sign any wind farm agreement, deed or piece of paper to .. "move forward with the discussion".

Don't allow them onto your land to do noise testing without a signed agreement, drawn up by your lawyer, to receive the Raw Data.

Don't allow any paddock loggers on your land.

Don't use the "free" lawyer recommended by the wind company. Engage your own lawyer.

Don't use one of their "free" acousticians suggested. Engage your own independent acoustician.