

Wind Farm Living EDUCATING THE LAWYERS Series

Lesson 24: They Stake You Out

Wind companies know their wind farm will cause harm to your health.

They know they will cause sleep disturbance.

You are a threat to them because you can complain or take legal action.

Every contact they make with you is to protect their business against you.

They suss you out to identify how easy you are to con.

Then deploy their tactical procedures to get rid of you.

They Stake you Out.

- They know who you are and where you live.
- They knock on your door without warning to catch you off guard.
- They pretend to be friendly and reassuring.
- They meet for a cuppa to find out how naïve and believing you are.
- They compliment you on your property to make you believe they care and respect your land.
- They promise a “sharing of the benefits”.
- They ask you to sign a piece of paper “to move forward on discussions”.

The piece of paper you sign is a trap.

They Keep a File on you to use Against you Later.

- They identify which neighbours could pose problems.
- They take them aside and work on them.
- They record all engagements with the neighbours.
- Every meeting, conversation, and email is detailed and recorded on file.
- They record who attended their open information day.
- They record who is knowledgeable on wind farm noise and who has input in the CEC meetings.
- They record if you are a passive, active, vocal, or a push-over.
- They build up a file on you and if necessary, they will use it against you if you object, complain, or take legal action against them.

You need an Experienced Lawyer.

Your family’s health and your farming assets are at stake – you need experienced legal advice.

Don’t use a lawyer they suggest.

Don’t use lawyers who say it’s okay to sign a neighbour agreement.

Don’t use a lawyer who says it’s okay to allow wind farm acousticians onto your land without an agreement for the data.

They Gaslight You

They are smug and arrogant.

Their self-written reports are rubber-stamped by authorities, which gives them a licence to cause you harm.

They tell you the noise you hear is not real.

They will say:

- what noise?
- our wind farm is compliant for noise therefore your complaints are not justified.
- the noise you hear is the new tree foliage growth,
- you are hypersensitive to noise,
- it’s all in your head, there are no strange audible noises,
- there are no vibrations you are making it up,
- they never received your complaints,
- you must fill out their official complaint form.
- we can offer you a neighbour agreement to solve the problem.

They will turn over new staff who “disappear” your history and make you explain yourself over again.

They Entrap you with agreements.

Don’t sign anything the wind farm gives you.

Never sign any piece of paper or agreement to accept a gift of any kind, tree screening, or neighbour benefits program.

Your complaints are a threat to their business, and by signing their documents they are trapping you in agreeing to all negative impacts including high noise and sleep disturbance.

Once you sign an agreement you become an involved neighbour – a stakeholder in their business.

The confidentiality clause prevents you from complaining or disclosing your health impacts.

The neighbour agreement locks your title to their business for the life of the wind farm (30-60 years).

Some agreements require a Section 173 Agreement to be included in your title.

Any new buyer or tenant of your land must be approved and agree to the noise nuisance and sleep disturbance inherent in the neighbour agreement.