

Petition

To the Minister for Minister Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

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The Petition of concerned citizens located throughout Ireland request that the Minister ensures that noise from Industrial Wind Turbines does **NOT** exceed the **World Health Organisation** Night Noise Recommended Target (NNGL) for Europe 2007, which states;

*"For the primary prevention of subclinical adverse health effects in the population related to night noise, it is recommended that the population should not be exposed to night noise levels greater than **30 dB of L_{night,outside}** during the night when most people are in bed."*

The Irish State has shamefully set, and has continued to permit, a limit for Wind turbine noise which is more than **quadruple** the World Health Organisation recommended noise target.

The current and proposed Wind Energy Development Guidelines permit noise levels significantly above the threshold defined by the World Health Organisation as causing "**Environmental Insomnia**" in communities.

We therefore petition the Minister to ensure that:

1. Irish citizens will "*not be exposed to night noise levels greater than **30 dB of L_{night,outside}***" arising from wind turbine developments.
2. Wind turbine noise is measured, as recommended by the World Health Organisation, using the "**LA_{eq}**" noise index.
3. Homes will not be impacted by low frequency noise and infrasound pulsations arising from any Industrial Wind Turbine.

Community Groups:

- Midlands Alliance
- Kildare Environmental Group
- Bog of Allen Communities Against Spin
- Campaign for Responsible Engagement with Wind Energy (CREWE)
- Rhode Parish Wind Information Group
- Croghan Community Windfarm Opposition Group
- Westmeath Alliance
- Lakelands Wind Information Group (LWIG)
- Ballymore Wind Information Group (Westmeath)
- Rathangan Against Spin Community Group (Kildare)
- Laois Wind Energy Awareness Group
- South Wicklow Wind Action Group
- Derravaragh Wind Information Group (North Westmeath)
- Killucan Rahamey Wind Information Group (KRWIG East Westmeath)
- Kilcormac /Kinnitty/Cadamstown Wind Information Group (Offaly)
- WindAware Ireland
- Stradbally against Spin (Laois)
- South Roscommon Wind Turbine Action Group
- Durrow/Kilbeggan Wind Information Group

- Offaly Wind Information Group
- North Kildare Environmental Protection Group
- Rathowen Wind Information Group (Westmeath)
- North Kerry Wind Turbine Awareness Group
- West Clare Wind Information Group
- Mount Temple and District Wind Information Group
- Banagher and Garbally Wind Information Group
- Tubber Wind Information Group TWIG
- Legan Wind Information Group (Longford)
- Coralstown Kinnegad Wind Information Group,
- Gaybrook Wind Information Group
- Moyvore Wind Information Group
- Streamstown Wind Information Group (Westmeath)
- South Kildare Against Spin
- Geashill Wind Information Group
- CAP Waterford
- Wind Noise Ireland
- EPAW (Ireland)
- Rochfordbridge Wind Information Group
- Castlejordan/Ballinabrackey/Clonmore Wind Action Group

- Ardglass Wind turbine Action Awareness group
- People Over Wind
- RTS Substation group
- Swan, Wolfhill and Luggacurran Wind Aware Group
- Moy Valley Protection Group. Representing, Knockmore, Ardagh, Moygownagh, Kilfian and Foxford (Mayo)
- Wexford EirGrid Action Group
- West Tyrone against Wind Turbines
- The Garryhinch Wind Energy Awareness Group
- Ballycommon wind energy information group
- Black stairs Conservation concern
- Edenderry Ballyfore districts
- Inishowen Wind Energy Awareness Group, Co Donegal
- Drumadarragh and District Residents Association, Ballyclare, Co. Antrim
- Gweebarra Conservation Group
- Nenagh Wind Turbine Opposition Group (Tipperary)

Glenties Windfarm Information Group

- Gridlink Action Group
- ReThink Pylons
- A Coolmanagh Against Pylon Carlow

- Ardglass Wind Turbine Action Awareness Group Cork
- West Cork Wind
- Connemara Against Wind Farms (Galway)
- Slieve Bloom Wind Turbine Awareness Group
- Garryhinch Wind Turbine Awareness Group
- Claremorris & Knock Wind Farm Information Group
- Cloontoa/Magheramore Wind Farm Information Group
- Moyvalley Protection Group
- Edenderry Wind Action Group
- Castlejordan / Ballinabrackey Wind Farm Action Group
- Killurin, Annaghmore, Gorteen Wind Turbine Awareness Group
- The Upper Lee Valley Wind Farm Group