

Lesson 25: Beware of the Offer of Tree Planting – it's a Trap.

Tree Planting is a Trap.

Wind companies know their turbines are loud, they know they will cause sleep disturbance, and they know they will get complaints.

Tree planting is a tactic to eliminate complaints.

Tree-Planting is designed to Stitch You Up

The rule of wind farm noise is – the higher the background noise - the higher the turbine noise.

They use trees to increase your background noise.

By inserting trees on your land, the company can claim your background noise has increased because of tree growth, so their wind farm can be louder and still comply.

They claim the extra tree foliage increases the background noise levels.

Wind companies will do anything to grow trees on your land.

They will call it “visual screening” – but it's a ploy to increase your quiet background noise environment.

Mt Fyans wind farm announced in the local paper:

“no-obligation vegetation screening at neighbouring properties out to three kilometres - prior to the project being approved”.
(Warrnambool Standard 20th November 2022).



Work has started at neighbouring properties for our visual screening program.

We're starting these works now to give the vegetation some time to develop ahead of construction. Neighbouring properties can still sign up to the program by contacting info@mtfyanswindfarm.com.au

Planting trees is part of the plan to get rid of you as a problem.

Wind companies will always offer neighbours “free” tree planting.

Because once the trees grow, they will claim your background noise level has increased due to the increased growth in tree foliage.

They then report to the authorities that the increased noise emissions from the wind farm are due to the increased background levels caused by the increased foliage of the new tree growth.

The authorities are eager to accept this justification for increased noise emissions because they are politically motivated to support wind companies and not protect neighbours.

Authorities then use the wind company's false claims to dismiss neighbours' complaints.

The authorities won't help you.

In Victoria, Australia, the EPA is responsible for governing wind farm noise emissions.

They have no idea about wind turbine acoustics and rely on the wind company's self-written reports to complete their tick-the-box assessments.

They are quick to believe the wind companies, and they accept the falsified reports without question.

They send in the rodeo clowns to shunt you off to your pen out of the way.

Sometimes they send in rodeo clowns from legal departments to intimidate you.

The biggest threat to a wind farm is a neighbour who complains.

Companies don't like complaints.

Every complaint is logged and registered and remains with the company as a part of its performance record.

Complaints show up as black marks against the business when selling to risk-averse foreign investors.

They know their wind farms will be loud above the limit.

They know they will get noise complaints.

And, “free” tree planting is one tactic used to eliminate complaints.

Every free gift or neighbour deed is part of the strategy to remove you as a problem and eliminate complaints.