

Lesson 19: They will use Paddock Data Against You

The use of a paddock logger to measure and collect noise is the wind farm's way of screwing you over.

They will use the data to claim compliance. They will say the turbine noise in the paddock is more accurate than the noise at your home.

The Primary Regulator, EPA Victoria, has made provision for the use of paddock loggers to determine wind turbine noise compliance if the wind farm cannot gain access to your home.

Paddock Loggers give them -

- the power to delete high-noise data at your home.
- a means of falsifying the noise.

Wind farms will manipulate the data and claim the noise measured kilometres away in a paddock is more accurate than the noise measured at your home.

They are scared of the data at your home.

They are scared of what the data will disclose.

They want to use data from a paddock so that they can delete the high-noise data at your home.

Data is Data – the truth of the Data will always come out in the end.

It is immaterial if they claim their wind farm is compliant because nuisance occurs in a compliant wind farm. Nuisance requires disclosure of all data and all calculations used to claim compliance.

If you get to the point of claiming a nuisance – you will need a lawyer. Your lawyer will require all the evidence to be submitted. (Lawyers call it discovery of evidence).

The wind farm will be required to hand over all the evidence including the raw data and calculations.

Don't give them any excuse to use Paddock Loggers.

The sole purpose of a paddock logger is to delete high-noise data at your home.

They will look for any excuse to use them.

They will say you wouldn't consent to noise testing at your home, so they had no option but to do noise testing in a paddock.

How to give consent for noise testing.

1. Engage your own independent acoustician.
2. Be prepared to undertake side-by-side testing at the same time the wind farm does its testing.....

(Or at the very least undertake your own background testing which is imperative).

3. Ensure your acoustician separates the day and night data.
4. Notify the wind farm in writing of your intention to do side-by-side testing.
5. Contact an experienced lawyer.

Here's a suggested letter for your lawyer to write:

*Dear *** Company,*

I consent to your acoustician doing noise testing at my home.

Please know that I intend to engage my own independent acoustician to do side-by-side testing of the noise levels, including day and night noise testing and assessment.

I am relatively flexible but I will need sufficient time to coordinate with my acoustician.

*I am very happy to work with ***Company to find a mutually convenient time for testing.*

Thank you,

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 used paddock loggers to justify the deletion of the high-noise data at the houses.

They claimed that noise measured in 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 the wind farm's claims to be patently absurd. [\[Uren 2022\]](#)