

Mr Dean Klower from Arthur's Lake sent the following letter to the Mercury which was published on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February expressing his impressions of the Miena Community Information Session.

### **Proposed St Patrick's Plains Wind Farm**

I attended the Epuron Wind Farm Information session at Miena and came away disillusioned. EPURON showed that they are a very professional and polished outfit at the information meeting in Miena on Saturday afternoon. All their staff were very well drilled by management to only answer the questions they were instructed to answer. The tactical avoidance to give an answer on any question related to audible noise would have made a politician proud!

They showed many graphs and charts showing the main issues most people have raised over the last six months and seemed very pleased with themselves for listening. Although when asked what actions they have taken to alleviate or deal with these concerns (noise to local residents for example) they seemed bewildered that a response should be necessary.

In fact, I was shocked to find out that despite all of this "community consultation" effort they have not approached some of my neighbours whose properties border the proposed wind farm, to discuss issues that they had raised six months ago.

EPURON failed to provide any information about the positive benefits for Tasmania or the Central Highland Communities for developing the land around Steppes into a wind turbine farm. EPURON information day instead highlighted that Tasmania is being treated as the "battery" of the mainland with Tasmania wearing the costs. There will be no lower electricity costs to Tasmanians.

I believe the proposed 67 wind turbines at 240 metres tall spread across the Plains will be visually confronting and noisy to residents. It will destroy the ecology and the special peace and tranquillity unique to the environment of the Central Highlands.

I went to the meeting very open to the proposed wind farm and hoping to get some concrete information and left feeling like I was just part of a box ticking exercise for a multi-million dollar machine. It is very clear this is not EPURON's first rodeo and this time the steam roller is pointing directly at Central Highlands Tasmania.

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