

Directors
Waubra Foundation
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Karen Molloy
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Friday, 1st November 2013

Dear directors,

We, the undersigned, live in Waubra. Some of us host wind turbines on our properties while others of us are close neighbours. The primary concern of all of us is the reputation of the town that is our home.

Waubra has a proud and long history. Our land is based on rich volcanic soils that support a diverse agricultural production base and features views of cleared agricultural land, magnificent geological features and a wind farm. We actively support one another through a range of clubs and community groups.

Since the placement of the infamous "wind turbine syndrome" ad in our local newspaper in 2009, the organisation you originally titled the "Waubra Disease Foundation" has tried to link our town in the public's mind with sickness, a connection we find false and demeaning to our town. Waubra is a farming community, not an illness.

We are writing to ask you to give us back the name of our little town.

Please find attached a petition of 316 signatures we have collected calling for you to immediately remove any mention of Waubra from the name of your organisation. 178 of the signatures come from people who live in Waubra and its immediate vicinity while a further 138 come from people closely associated with the town – either through work, recreation or having grown up here.

Your tarnishing of Waubra's name affects all those people who are associated with the town.

As we understand it, not one of you lives within even 100km of Waubra. Most of you live much, much further away. You have not come and spoken with us. If you had, you would have realised that we are proud of our town and comfortable with the presence of the wind farm in our paddocks. It has brought dependable income to our farms, strengthened our broader local economy and has brought welcome new jobs to our town. It does not make us sick.

We acknowledge that a small number of our neighbours are vocal in their concerns about the wind farm. They are true members of our community and we thoroughly respect their right to speak freely. In no way do we wish to stop them, or you, from speaking their mind. However, we fail to see how the Waubra Foundation's unrelenting and unscientific

misinformation campaign against wind energy helps these individuals with the problems they are experiencing.

Your organisation has never spoken for Waubra. Out of respect for our town's good name, we ask that you immediately remove any mention of Waubra in the name of your organisation.

We are determined in our request and trust that you will respond swiftly to our community's wishes. We look forward to receiving a response from you by 12th November before we consider our next course of action.

Yours most sincerely,

Karen Molloy

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on behalf of the following Waubra residents:

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Margaret McDonald
Ken Ewing
D. Tolson
AT Gilly

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MARGARET MCDONALD
KEN EWING
DOUG HOBSON
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