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PRESS RELEASE

Response to Petition to Change Waubra Foundation Name

The Waubra Foundation has responded today to residents who petitioned the Board asking for the Foundation's name to be changed.

In rejecting the petitioners' request, the Foundation's Board noted that the developers of the local wind project unfortunately chose to call it the Waubra Wind Farm, which has subsequently become infamous for a number of reasons:

- so many houses in the district have been vacated and/or sold to the developers as they became uninhabitable,
- the wind project has never achieved compliance with the noise conditions of its permit,
- therefore the Farm's receipt of more than \$80 million in Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) needs to be audited because the issue of the RECs may have been improper or worse,
- some residents are still suffering traumatic health problems years after the project commenced operating.

The name Waubra Foundation is established and is revered by victims of wind projects worldwide. To change the name now would halt the momentum achieved by years of work by a small team of volunteers. Nothing would please the wind industry more.

The name Waubra Foundation was chosen to honour and identify the location where wind industry victims were brave enough to take on the developer and fight for their families' health, homes and farms.

The real beneficiaries of the name change would be the wind industry and one would not have to look far to see their hand or that of their acolytes in this campaign.

Once the Waubra petitioners ensure that Acciona meets their permit conditions and refunds the proceeds of any RECs that may have been inappropriately issued, then the name Waubra will become known for the courage and compassion of all its residents and not just those who, through no fault of their own, are victims.

Interested parties should read a speech on the Waubra Wind Farm made by Senator John Madigan in the Australian Senate on 10th December, 2013 and available for downloading at

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<http://waubrafoundation.org.au/resources/madigan-sen-j-speech-australian-senate-about-non-compliant-wind-farms/>

The Foundation's response to the petition is posted on its website.

The Foundation will not be making further comment on its decision.