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Moratorium: New call for wind farms to halt

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Calls are being made to put a halt on all wind farm development in the region until potential health risks are better understood.

The calls come on the back of a [new Danish study](#) ^[1], which suggested that larger wind turbines created lower frequency infrasound.

The lower infrasound emitted by wind turbines has been a hot topic of debate with some people saying a strong link exists between the noise put out by the turbines and negative health effects.

Possible health effects linked with infrasound include head aches, broken sleep and blood pressure issues.

While the study does not outline any potential health risks to people living in a close proximity to wind farms, The Australian Environment Foundation has called for a moratorium on all development until the potential risks can be clarified.

AEF executive director, Max Rheese said the jump to larger turbines meant larger related risks.

“These conclusions are entirely consistent with what many people living near wind farms have been telling us for several years,” he said.

“As turbine size increased from around 50 metres to over 150 metres and the number of turbines increased, so have the complaints about the noise.

“What we did not realise is that the nature of turbine noise was changing with the size of the turbines.”

Mr Rheese said the AEF fully supported a moratorium on development until health issues surrounding wind farm infrasound was independently investigated.

The proposed wind farm three kilometres south of Penshurst is expected to have wind turbines at a possible height of 175 metres from ground to blade tip.

Penshurst resident, Keith Staff said the health risks associated with wind farms were real and he did not support the proposed wind farm.