

FINAL DRAFT

Fellow Classmates and Mrs Aelick,

Wosh Wosh Wosh! how would you like to hear that noise 24 hours a day 7 days a week!

I no I sure wouldn't want too while I was playing hockey or sledding or hunting.

The topic I chose is the Macleans Mountain Wind Turbine project and how it effects my family, friends and relatives

Now I know that the issue of Wind turbines has created a lot of controversy in Little Current and the First Nations lately with the Macleans Mountain wind project with Northland Power.

But my family is personally affected by these as they will be in our back yard. There has been lots of research done that proves that these large machines can create heart issues, make diabetes levels unstable, ringing of the ears, seizures, and sleep disturbances. In the Summer time during the month of June, July and August these turbines might not even move if there is no wind.

And in the Winter months when there is no wind, ice builds up and the first wind storm it can shoot ice up to 7km away!

In our First Nation culture there is a saying that has been said many time. It's an age old battle of Western Society most valued commodity money and the Anishnabek people's most valued commodity Mother Earth. Which means we want to protect our earth and where we live. Yes the windmills may help reduce the coal power plants, but what people aren't saying is how they affect our wildlife, they take away reserve wetlands where wildlife once existed how fair is that?

What about all of the deer, birds and cattle that live up in the green bush or the snowy owls? Our government is not looking at these issues closely, all that is happening right now is the good old dollar sign between the landowners and Northland Wind Power. Did you know that the size of these turbines are the same size as a 747 jet? .

Research shows that the life span of a windmill is 20 years, so when I am 31 what happens to the Wind turbines on Macleans Mountain? We will have to look at these old rusted out landmarks.

Many people have said that this issue doesn't affect them but, it does affect all of us here in our grade

six class. Tourism could go down. I don't believe it will go up, because people escape the city life to come here for the peace and quiet and for the scenery. They will not come here in bus loads to see a Wind Turbine. So what happens to business here if tourism goes down, how will local families survive? And they have to close their family business? The power that comes from the McLean Mountain turbines won't even help us here on the Island all that is going to happen is our parents hydro bills will go up to pay for the expensive power and people can get more health issues.

Since I decided to do this speech on this I have found out two other ways we could do a project here on the Island and that would be solar power. It is good and not as much as a health risks to anyone. in the Bay of Fundy they are doing a research on under water current turbines that could go in the channel.

One problem with that is how it will affect the fish and they are trying to use different nets to keep fish away. I want a better GREEN future for us all but the government needs to look at this better so we all benefit from this and not just the rich getting richer.

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