

Your Comment on the Southland Wind Farm project

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COMMENTS

We oppose the Southland Wind Farm on the following grounds:

We are bemused as to why, as affected parties, we have not been notified for comment on the proposed Southland Wind Farm. We only found out by accident, last Thursday December the 11th 2025, that we were eligible to comment. This did not come from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) or another official Government channel. How many other affected parties have not been advised and have thus not been given the opportunity to give feedback?

The area known to locals as “Slope Down Hill” is an iconic landmark in Southland. Tourists do not come to see wind turbines on the skyline or on the edge of a unique, tranquil, and pristine Conservation Park. The natural dark sky will be completely obliterated if this goes ahead. Dark Sky Tourism is becoming more and more popular.

Similar projects, in the proposed location, have been turned down in the past. Why is this proposal different?

This project will harm wildlife that venture from the adjacent Catlins Conservation Park and designated scenic area. If this goes ahead it will show that the country is disingenuous about its commitment to the environment.

The land will be filled with masses of concrete and steel, with fibreglass, resin and /or plastic blades discharging their fragments into the air, onto the land and into the water.

The potential for turbines to affect wildlife especially birds, bats, and insects both directly, via collisions; as well as indirectly due to noise and light pollution, habitat loss, and reduced reproduction is a huge concern. Noise and light pollution also adversely affect farm animals living under or near the turbines. Wind turbines reduce farmland for food production. There are also potential health risks for humans.

Please continue to reject this wind farm project.

Janet Christine McDonald

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