

Open letter to Keith Towse in response to council presentation on Rhodena Wind Farm proposal

Dear Keith,

I was on Zoom when you gave your presentation to Inverness council last week and have a few questions as a result. The turbines you propose are taller than those when municipal made its recommendations to distance and really did not consider wind farm distance from a proposed residential area. So this will all certainly have to be recon-

sidered won't it? I did not realize this Crown land was reserved for wind turbines. Where did you get that idea? These pieces of property that run back towards the general line road actually had viable housing on them and most early families from Creignish lived up on the mountain. It is proposed at least in landowners minds likewise – land for family retirement homes

and children in general and the beautiful forests we have chosen to surround ourselves with. You certainly understand why so many landowners are against your proposal because you yourself with far less to lose, have had a similar experience I believe. I send tourists up that mountain to hike, picnic, to see the gorgeous views, the old growth forests, the geological scrapings of the

glacier and plenty of wildlife, colourful lichens and mosses, wildflowers that appear nowhere else, birds that come out to greet you. I really can't imagine you have experienced this place and would then feel comfortable proceeding. You stand to make money – I get that – ABO certainly is in a worldwide money making operation but it won't work for long if you do not con-

sider moving turbines where they infringe on individual landowners rights. Soon there will be litigation against these infringements and that will be bad for wind power and time consuming for those involved. There is room to move turbines a mile inland. Why don't you do it and save yourselves trouble. I would not want to invest in areas that would be harmed by limited turbine placement.

Find another spot. We don't own all the wind. Thank you. By the way I do not receive updates and would like to.

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P.S. Thank you to *The Oran* for helping to communicate to the general public exactly what the real issues are. Many testimonials regarding effects appear on the Facebook site. No wind turbines on Rte.19.