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Municipalities of Ontario

Re: Setbacks for industrial-scale wind turbines

Wind Concerns Ontario has released its recommendations for setbacks between industrial-scale or gridscale wind turbines and homes, and other buildings such as schools, long-term-care facilities, worker housing, etc.

The recommendations were developed after a review of current municipal bylaws and Official Plans, a review of setbacks employed in other countries around the world, and information on complaints of noise and adverse health effects collected in Ontario.

The setback recommended is 2 km between turbines and property lines. We believe this is a "reasonable compromise" and is more likely to be protective of health and safety than the current Ontario government setback of 550 metres, which is unchanged from 2009.

Please see the accompanying recommendation document.

Wind Concerns Ontario is a coalition of community groups, families and individuals concerned about the negative impacts of industrial-scale wind turbines on the economy, the environment, and people's health.

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