

Opinion Presented to the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE)
Project : Parc éolien de Grosse-Île
Location : Îles de la Madeleine
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I am submitting this opinion as a concerned citizen of Grosse-Île. The purpose of this letter is to express my posture regarding the proposed wind farm project and to address the visual concerns, intrusion and environmental impacts.

I hope that the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement will give careful consideration and priority to the voices of the community that will be most affected!

Visual Concerns over the site placement, the proximity to the road, and also the ocean, and the very fact that it sits atop of a working mine seems to be irrational. The size and magnitude of the turbines are also a major concern not just for day-to-day obscuring the beautiful views from the citizens of Grosse Ile, but also in the event of any problems that they could incur e.g. damages from wind, lightning, defect, or force major could cause extensive problems.

I live very close to where these turbines are planned to be erected (approximately 1.3km as the crow flies.) I personally feel at a loss of my beautiful sunsets, an immediate intrusion into my back yard and a decrease in the value of my home.

There are several unanswered questions surrounding the environmental impacts from the moment the project starts to build them to the final stage when they're fully erected and operational. They could have so many potential impacts on humans, wildlife and the marine life, with so many unanswered questions it doesn't seem reasonable to erect the turbines in this location. Aside from the possible environmental impacts on our community, There also has been several community members (almost 200 out of the 300 Grosse Ile population) that signed a petition stating they're concerned for this project. This should be a good indication that this community including myself are not prepared for the risks that come along with the proposed project.

I ask the BAPE to carefully and thoughtfully

assess whether the visual concerns regarding the location has truly been considered and if the wildlife, marine life and the community of people will be protected.

Thank you,

Janice Clarke