

Dear Ms Black

Mr Val Martin has Internet access and tried to make a submission at 8am on the morning of the 30/6/2011 but failed.

This is his submission._

This consultation relates the matters which result from EU Directive on renewable energy 2009/28/EU and from the Irish National renewable Energy Action Plan. This public plan or programme was pushed through without compliance with the Strategic Environmental Impact Directive 2001/42/EC. There is no SEA. It is being implemented in contravention of the Aarhus Convention on environmental decision making, access to information and access to justice.

The Maastricht Recommendation provide guidelines on how all citizens must be allow participate when all option are open and this includes the zero option. The Compliance Committee of UNECE has rules Ireland to be in breach of the Convention. Setting the pricing structure for electricity to pay for wind energy, for an industry which requires an SEA but for which non was done is unlawful and CER is action beyond its powers in doing so.

There is no facility to inform the public of this consultation. There is no facility to allow people who don't have the Internet to take part and there is no facility for CER to take due account of the submission they receive. There has never been a cost benefit analysis for on shore wind energy carried out. It is report, the ESB in its report in 2004 gave the contribution of on-shore wind farms as zero.

It is a disgrace that CER would conceal this consultation in the way it has. The United Nations and the European Union has bent over backwards to empower the public and electric consumers to have their say, the CER has ensured that that right is denied. This consultation must have its time frame extended and proper notification must be given and submissions accepted in writing.

Submission on behalf of :
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Regards
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