

Open letter to the Swedish Government and Members of the Swedish Parliament (Riksdag).

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my duty to warn you that, unbeknownst to you, public health and safety are presently under threat in Sweden. Yet these are human rights that have been enshrined in Swedish as well as international law.

What is putting the population at risk is your decision to approve the **NREAP (National Renewable Energy Action Plan)**, and to do it without complying with the Aarhus Convention and related Swedish legislation.

Earlier this year, I have submitted a complaint on this score to the United Nations' **Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee**. This complaint has been deemed receivable by the UNECE, registered as ACCC/C/2013/81, and communicated to you on 26 04 2013 as shown here:

<http://www.unece.org/env/pp/compliance/compliancecommittee/81tablesweden.html>

Swedish citizens, who are affected by your decision to implement the NREAP, **have been disinformed** rather than informed. They were not allowed to participate in its decision-making process, and are currently deprived of their right to access to justice on this matter. Yet these are rights that are guaranteed by the Aarhus Convention and the Swedish laws that implement it.

Neither the Government nor the Parliament has the right to deprive citizens of those rights, nor to exercise them in their stead. Political decisions concerning the environment are illegal if citizens are not involved in the decision-making process.

The 2nd of October 2012, the United Nations' body watching over the implementation of the Aarhus Convention, UNECE, **found that the manner in which the NREAPs were approved in EU member countries did not comply with article 7 of the Convention** - ACCC/C/2010/54.

<http://www.unece.org/env/pp/compliance/Compliancecommittee/54TableEU.html>

Indeed, in Sweden as elsewhere in the EU, European citizens have not been informed of the costs & benefits of the NREAPs, of their negative impacts, and of available alternatives. They have not participated in their decision-making process, nor have they been allowed to have their illegality tried in court.

In view of this, I request that you should follow the UNECE ruling and **call a moratorium** on the erection of wind turbines until the law has been complied with and citizens' health and safety are guaranteed. **Indeed, there is an ever-growing body evidence showing that low frequency noise and infrasound emitted by wind turbines seriously damages the health of wind farm neighbours.**

More recently, the UK was found to be in non-compliance with the Aarhus Convention:

<http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/env/pp/compliance/C2012-68/>

The UK is waking up to what some call "the great British wind scam":

<http://stopthesethings.com/2013/08/25/cameron-signals-end-for-the-great-british-wind-scam/>

To try & obtain information on windpower from the Swedish authorities is pointless, since all that is available is biased material provided by the wind industry, which asserts unashamedly that wind turbines enhance the landscape, increase property values, help tourism, are less noisy than refrigerators, are good for the economy, kill less birds than do windows, and are not harmful to health.

Yet there is a plethora of evidence showing that wind turbines have grave ill effects on all these counts.

It is not up to the citizens to demonstrate that these machines are dangerous and affect their health. But it is the obligation of politicians and administration officials, before decisions to erect wind turbines are made, to ensure that the health and safety of people is not at risk.

- But they have not done so.

It was the duty of the Swedish Parliament and Government, before deciding to spend a fortune subsidising wind energy, to inform themselves **on both sides of the debate**, especially regarding infrasound, health effects on neighbours, bird and bat mortality, consequences on property values, tourism, jobs and the economy.

For example, have you informed yourselves about the research conducted by **professor Göran Holm** at Sahlgrenska Hospital in Gothenburg?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8b1spglDaOg>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tN8tOmX8UTE>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PtUq-ZcprGQ>

And what about that from doctors **Hakan Enbom**, MD, PhD, ENT specialist in otoneurology and dizziness diseases, and **Inga Malcus Enbom**, ENT specialist in allergy and hypersensitivity reactions, both at the City Health ENT, Ängelholm? Their conclusions on this matter are now available in Läkartidningen:

<http://www.lakartidningen.se/Opinion/Debatt/2013/08/Infra ljud fran vindkraftverk---en-halsorisk/>

And did you ever wonder why the Danish Minister of Health has now commissioned a scientific study into possible health damage to people living near wind turbines?

Finally, I recommend you should inform yourselves about the peculiar ways Sweden bends the law when it comes to matters related to wind turbines.

For us affected citizens, this disregard for the law is unacceptable, whether you are dealing with eagles or bats killed by wind turbines, or with the health effects on people who have to live close to machines emitting pulsating infrasound day and night.

A barrage of falsehoods and empty rhetoric has been erected to protect your faulty decisions, but among other things the people of Sweden want to know how much it will have to pay as a result of your decision to subsidise and promote wind power. We also want an account of the amount of CO2 all the operational wind turbines have saved to date, for it was for these savings that you pushed through the NREAP. Equally, we need an account of all full-time jobs actually created by windpower, and another of jobs destroyed by the rising cost of electricity, and of jobs not created in other sectors because of windfarms and the costly subsidies paid to their owners (opportunity cost).

As a Swedish citizen, I hereby request that you commission a scientific assessment of the damages caused by wind turbines to people, animals and the environment; and another about their effects on tourism, jobs and the economy in general. Until the results are published, analysed and fully understood, **a moratorium on wind farms should be called in Sweden.**

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