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I object to anti-democratic plans by the Welsh Assembly to allow Wind Turbine developments of more than 10MW to circumvent rights to object via a democratic consultation process.

As a resident of mid Wales I am aware of the generally poor record of the Welsh Assembly in performing in the long term interests of its population. This is particularly applicable to its policy on Wind Turbines. Locally they are ruining the footpaths and bridleways, industrialising the landscape of our uplands, destroying wildlife habitat, adversely affecting tourism prospects and dividing communities.

Historically the Welsh Assembly has clearly not demonstrated that it knows what is best for us.

With a lifetime in mechanical and electrical engineering I can assure you that there is CERTAINLY NOT WIDESPREAD ACCEPTANCE of Wind Turbines as a realistic solution to security or efficiency of electricity supplies, reduction of fossil fuel pollution or as a significant contributor to fight global warming and adverse climate change.

The campaign for expansion of wind turbine installations is driven by big business which uses its financial power to organise professional lobbying of key politicians and media to promote its activities. Long a technique practised in USA it has expanded in UK and is a sinister threat to our democracy that is dictatorship in disguise.

The powers of the Welsh Assembly must not be allowed to increase over the majority views of its citizens. It must serve more than it must rule.

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