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The Wind Farm Scam
AN ECOLOGIST'S EVALUATION

by Dr John Etherington
with a foreword by Christopher Booker

Wind power is a swindle; it trashes landscapes and lifestyles, all to no avail. Please read this book and find out why. Then join the tens of thousands across the world who are saying no to the wind scam.

– David Bellamy

It was Dr Etherington more than anyone else who opened my eyes to the extraordinary series of illusions on which this new political infatuation with wind energy was based.

– Christopher Booker

- Wind Farms are environmentally and economically counter-productive
- A distinguished ecologist exposes a scandalous exploitation of climatic anxiety
- Vital reading for all concerned about global warming

The spectre of global warming and the political panic surrounding it has led to the adoption of a power source that is environmentally and economically counter-productive.

In *The Wind Farm Scam* Dr Etherington argues that wind turbines cannot generate enough energy to reduce global CO₂ levels to a meaningful degree. The intermittent nature of wind power cannot generate a steady output, a reality necessitating back-up from coal- and gas-power plants which significantly negates any saving of greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition to the inefficacy of wind power there are ecological drawbacks, including damage to habitats and wildlife there is the far-from-insignificant aesthetic drawback of the assault upon natural beauty which wind turbines entail.

What's more, wind power is being excessively financed at the cost of consumers who neither have been consulted nor informed that this subsidy is being paid from their bills to support an industry that cannot be cost efficient nor, ultimately, favour the cause it purports to support.

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Christopher Booker has in recent years levelled more detailed criticism than any other British journalist at the "great wind scam", mostly through his influential column in the *Sunday Telegraph*. He is currently completing a history of the scientific and political debate over global warming.

Forthcoming titles in the 'Independent Minds' series: *The Biofuels Delusion*, *The Facts of Climate Change*