From: Ken Lagana

To: <u>Secretary, BPUBoard [BPU]</u>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Windmills will destroy our island! **Date:** Thursday, December 29, 2022 8:00:48 PM

Dear government officials

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed installation of windmills 8.7 miles off the coast of Long Beach island. As someone who is deeply invested in the local fishing and tourism industries, I believe that this project will have a negative impact on these important sectors of our community.

Fishing is a critical part of the economy and culture of Long Beach island, and the placement of windmills in such close proximity to our waters could potentially disrupt the migration patterns of fish and other marine life. This could lead to a decline in the number and variety of fish available for commercial and recreational fishing, which would have a negative impact on local businesses and the livelihoods of those who depend on the industry.

Tourism is another vital part of our community, and the presence of windmills off the coast could potentially deter visitors from coming to the island. The view of the ocean is one of the main attractions for tourists, and the windmills could mar this natural beauty and disrupt the aesthetic appeal of the area.

I understand the importance of renewable energy and the need to address climate change, but I believe that there are other locations where windmills could be installed that would have a less significant impact on our local industries and way of life. I urge you to consider the potential consequences of this project on the fishing and tourism industries of Long Beach island and to consider alternative locations for the windmills.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best,

Ken Lagana