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Dear Editor,

LETTER TO THE EDITOR RE GRAHAM LLOYD'S ARTICLE "WORLD'S EYES WILL BE ON WATERLOO AS WIND TURBINES GO ON TRIAL"

The Australian Acoustical Society aims to promote and advance the science and practice of acoustics in all its branches to the wider community.

We refer to Graham Lloyd's article in the *Weekend Australian* (9/2/13) in which he quotes statements about an infrasound study authored by the South Australian EPA and acoustic consulting firm Resonate Acoustics.

In the interest of advancing the above Society aims we wish to make the following comments on the article:

- The article states that the use of the dB(G) weighting to measure wind turbine infrasound is "inappropriate and misleading". The dB(G) weighting is an accepted assessment method for infrasound. Of the measures currently available, the dB(G) weighting best corresponds to human perception of infrasound, as described in International Standard ISO 7196:1995, "Acoustics - Frequency-weighting characteristic for infrasound measurements".
- The article reports that "the use of a 10-second average removed the acoustic signature of the turbines". The ISO 7196 standard method requires that a minimum 10-second average is required for very low frequency noise. We note that the development of this ISO standard method has been the collaborative work of many industry experts.
- The article presents selected outcomes of the Wisconsin (Shirley) infrasound report. We note that several of the conclusions of the Wisconsin study are inconsistent with current research. The authors of the Wisconsin report identified shortfalls in their study. The recommendations of the Wisconsin study were addressed in the recent study released by the SA EPA.