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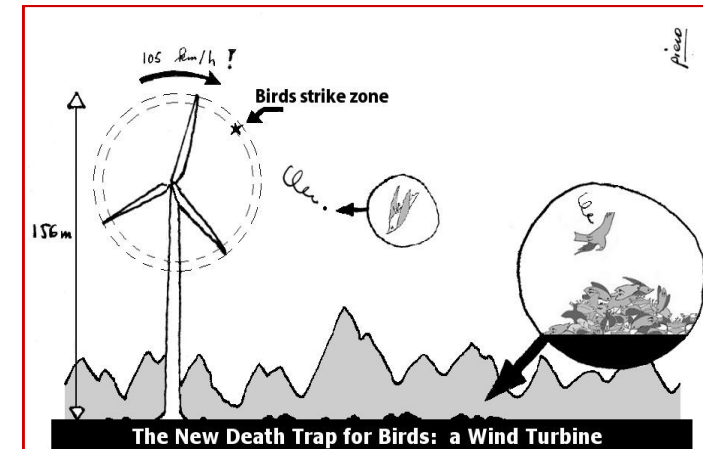
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## The Truth about Wind Farms



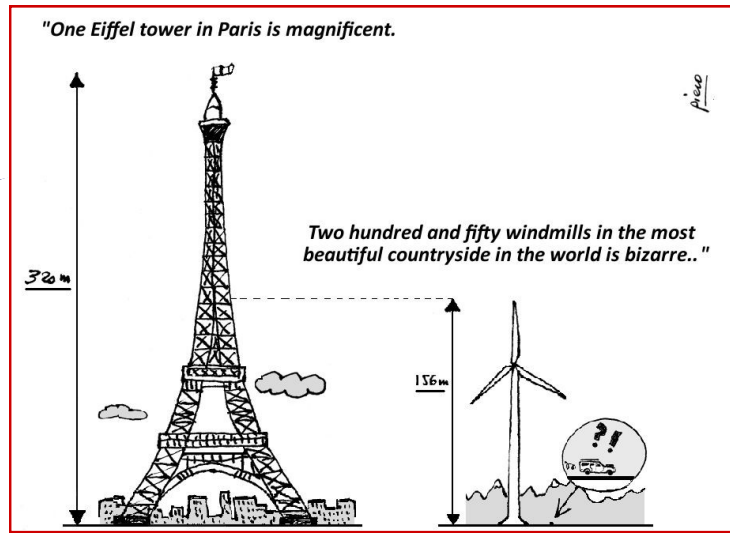
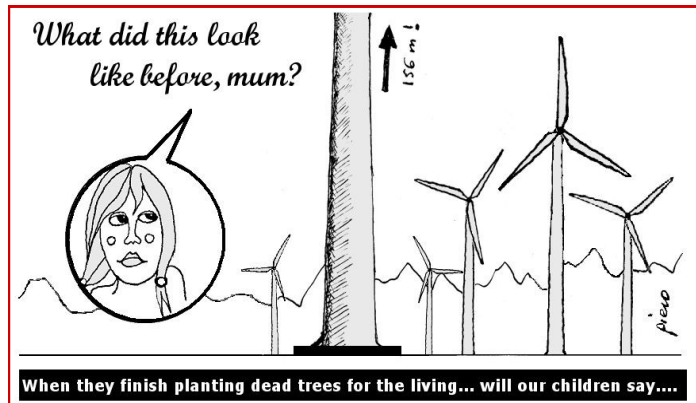
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# Wind Farms and Wind Turbines

Applications have been made to install a total of **2500 wind turbines in 270 wind farms** in the Western Cape.

Wind farms are proposed all along the N2 to the Garden Route: Heidelberg, Swellendam, Mossel Bay. Up the West Coast: Langebaan, Saldanha, Paternoster, St. Helena Bay. Many have been approved by the Department of Environmental Affairs, despite vigorous protests.

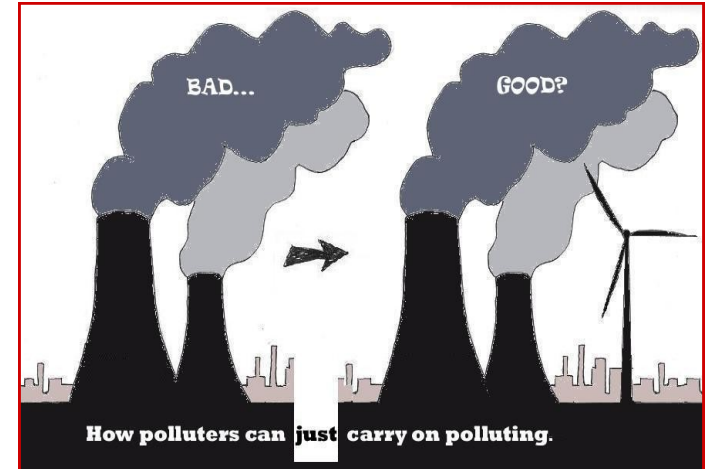


Each wind turbine is **156 metres high**; higher than any building in Cape Town, Pretoria or Durban. Only the Carleton Centre and Ponte in JHB are higher.

The turbines revolve slowly but, due to the blade length, the blade tip speed is **105 km/h** making bird strikes common.

Michael Fry of the American Bird Conservancy estimates that US **wind turbines kill between 75,000 and 275,000 birds per year!**

The installation of wind turbines in wind farms **will not stop the construction of coal fired or nuclear power stations** since these must be built to cater for when there is no wind.



Not only that, they **allow for pollution to continue** because polluters can just buy Carbon Credits and go on polluting with impunity. ■

