

Dear Mr. Vogt,

I write to tell you a thing or two about Finnskogen and Kjølberget, the place Eidsiva/Austri Vind and Stadtwerke München plan to build a huge wind power plant.

My family and I live in Finnskogen. We have been living here for 23 years. We wanted to move to a quiet place in unspoiled nature, far away from urban life. And after many years of searching, we found an old farm, from the 16th century, here in beautiful Finnskogen. The timber houses are 200 and 300 years old, with lots of cultural history.

For 23 years, we have spent all our time and money to restore and create a place for people to visit and to experience old farm culture. They also come in search of the total quietness and the beautiful nature. We have an art gallery on the farm, where we show Dag Trygve Hansen's wood art as well as art from other artists whom we invite. (Dag lives and works as an artist here at Håberget farm.) We have also built a chapel. This is part of our cultural concept and many people love to come and experience the atmosphere and silence.

We have a 360 degrees view of approximately 25.000 acres of unspoiled nature and at night, there are no lights to be seen except from the stars and the moon. We can even hear wolfs singing. It is a magic experience!

It is here, in this paradise at our farm Håberget, that Austri and you wish to build the Kjølberget wind power plant. In the investigations carried out by consultants, Håberget farm is mentioned more than 50 times – which proves that we shall experience more negative effects than any other stakeholder in the vicinity of Kjølberget.

Are you aware that 8 kilometres of the road leading to the construction site is our private road (owned jointly with others)? My husband and I make a living from our art exhibitions and various cultural events. We and our many visitors need unlimited access at all times. Additional activities are horse riding, training of dogs etc. Austri has guaranteed to keep the road open at all times during the construction period. I fail to see how this promise can be fulfilled, in the light of the extensive road work and the turbine transports which are necessary during the entire construction period.

I furthermore draw your attention to the fact that the Norwegian energy directorate, the NVE, has required four compensatory measures to be put in place before any work may be carried out. These measures will be negotiated between Austri and us, followed by a formal agreement, both on the concrete content and on the procedures to be followed. As I said, no work can start until such an agreement is signed by both parties. As I see the situation at present, the probability of our signature is rather limited!

My family and I are deeply concerned and we still hope to be able to prevent the project from being realised.

I have been informed that Stadtwerke München is in the final stage of negotiating an investment agreement for Kjølberget. With reference to the above, I urge you to reconsider your position as a potential investor in this project.

Yours
Gry Schøll Hansen