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The present rules re. building wind turbines and forestry are;

1-----replant the area involved somewhere else,

2-----repay all premium received on that area,

3-----replant without premium,

We are in a situation where our Government are trying to promote wind energy as a means of reducing our carbon emissions and at the same time we are being unduly punitive to the wind energy sector. Why if the land has to be replanted without premium do we have to repay all premium .We should not be hit with all 3.

The rules to encourage wind energy development should be to repay premium at most and nothing about replanting as the ground will be contributing to reducing our carbon emissions.

Keyhole felling ie only taking out enough trees for the roads and bases should not even have to replant.

Replanting should only be considered where larger areas have to be clearfelled to avoid affecting the wind flow.

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