

I live in rural Victoria, at Glenlyon, near Daylesford. I live on 16 hectares of forest and my property has a "Land for Wildlife" classification. I am proud to be a shareholder and supporter of the community owned wind farm at Leonards Hill, in my district, and of other wind farms across Australia and the world. Before becoming a supporter and shareholder of Hepburn Wind, I did my own investigations and visits to wind farms to see for myself that the claims of excessive noise and bird deaths were baseless.

I am proud to belong to a community organisation , *Hepburn Wind* which draws hundreds of local people, many of them the little shareholders with very little money to invest, but with a belief in the rightness of the project, to its annual general meetings.

I wish to remind the enquiry of the following points:

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- The [National Health and Medical Research Council](#) (NHMRC) recently concluded that "there is currently no published scientific evidence to positively link wind turbines with adverse health effects."
- [Research](#) by Adelaide consultancy Sonus has recently shown that low frequency noise levels at the beach and in the CBD are typically higher than near wind farms.
- [Recent polling](#) in regional NSW has shown that 85% support wind power with the majority supporting it in their communities.
- Hepburn Wind has already created three direct jobs, and our project has already spent more than \$2m in regional Victoria with more to come.
- Our project was subject to strict planning conditions through the approvals process and will be closely monitored for compliance with some of the strictest environmental controls in the world.
- Our project will contribute \$1m to community initiatives over the next 25 years. In fact, we'll be donating more to the community than we pay in lease fees to the landowner at Leonards Hill.
- Hepburn Wind is expected to cost \$13m and generate more electricity each year than is used by the houses in Daylesford and much of the surrounding area. At the equivalent of less than \$6000/house, no other renewable energy solution comes close.

I believe the opportunity to invest in renewable energy should be taken up by individuals, communities and the Australian Government. Therefore I am registering my support windfarms not only for their obvious benefit to the environment, but also because of the positive social and economic benefits.

Yours faithfully,

Margret Lockwood.