

Sir,

I live in Scotland, on the eastern fringe of the North Atlantic and one of the windiest places in the world, yet Scottish windfarms are recorded as supplying only 25% of their Installed Capacity. In other words four windfarms have had to be built, at four times the cost, to supply the same amount of electricity that can be provided by one fossil-fuel station. In addition at times of low wind strength some fossil-fuel stations are still required to maintain the electricity supply to consumers.

I suggest the Australian Government look closely at the extra costs involved in windfarming and balance these against the very marginal gains expected, before wasting Australian taxpayers money on such delusions.

William Oxenham,