To whom it may concern,

I am a 25 year old Portland resident who has lived and worked in this area for 20 years. I have seen the wind farms developed and constructed at Codrington, Yambuk, Cape Bridgewater and Cape Nelson and am a strong supporter as a result. The wind farms have brought with them employment for people in a range of fields. Many of my friends have worked on wind farm sites at one time or another and my partner is employed locally by a renewable energy company.

Locally the wind farms enjoy strong support. They are popular with tourists and the wind farm company puts money into local community groups each year. I enjoy the outdoors and have spent a lot of time at Cape Bridgewater swimming and surfing and don't believe the towers harm the landscape. I have also never felt sick fom being near them.

As the effects of climate change worsen we will need more renewable energy so it is important rural communities continue to host wind farms, but I can see there are many benefits for those communities from doing so.

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