

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
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Dear Sirs

9th February 2011

I write in support of the Berrybank Wind Farm Project.

I reside on farm at Stoney Creek near Talbot, 5km approximately from the Waubra Windfarm, where we are practicing Organic Farming and Processing farm Produce.

My philosophy is to support the development of clean renewable energy for the benefit of our environment and future generations.

I have observed as closely as possible, without being directly involved, the development of Wind Farm Projects in the Central Highlands District of Victoria and am horrified by the possibility that future Renewable Energy Projects could be jeopardized by objections that are weak at best, but often false or unable to be quantified or proven.

My Reasons for supporting the Berrybank Windfarm Project

1. Berrybank Wind Farm will contribute to the network of wind farms required to affect any irregularity in wind strength at any one location.
2. Wind farms have been proven to be a valuable contributor to the sustainability of renewable energy systems.
3. Wind farms are the only tangible Renewable Energy alternative available (within current Technology Constraints)
4. Wind farms are a "clean" alternative to current fossil fuel powered generators
5. Built to current Regulatory requirements, Wind farms are not invasive, they look far more majestic than most farm or domestic "improvements" and pose no proven risk to fauna and flora or the environment.
6. Wind farms contribute positively to the wellbeing of the community through economic contributions and the provision of renewable energy
7. Community disruption is restricted to the hosting landholders
8. Wind farms provide landholders hosting towers with a degree of secure income, which in tough farms times would be invaluable
9. Berrybank is ideally suited to a wind farm, with high wind reliability, sparse population, and no compelling case against the construction on any real basis
10. I believe renewable energy sources must be developed to provide energy generation capacity that is sustainable into the future. Fossil fuel is limited and Nuclear is not really a sustainable option. By the time suitable clean technology is developed China will have consumed it all.

Solar is very promising and so are Hot Rock and Wave Motion technologies, but it still remains the only one currently capable of generating power in wind. At this time wind farms provide the only tangible renewable energy capability with the capacity to be sustainable for future generations. We must utilize the renewable resource and not squander it.

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