

9<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Re. Wind Farm Senate Enquiry

Dear Sir/Madam,

It would be fantastic to have Wind Farms in Rural Victoria (including my area) for several reasons. It would create jobs and provide income that would otherwise never exist, giving some much needed stability to Rural Victoria. It will and has already caused energy companies to care for some “going extinct” flora and fauna in various preservation projects.

There are of course many people who oppose this Wind Farm, and while their efforts are admirable, their motives are bordering on madness. Reasons such as “ Oh, the noise that these turbines make is unhealthy” are because they have experienced turbines that are Chinese and cheap. This reasoning is unfounded in our case as the turbines that will be used for our local well-thought-out project are from Germany and have no such problems, because they have been well made. Thus, solving this problem.

Another complaint is “it ruins the scenic view”. The locals here are more than happy to have the turbines added to the view.

I would like to say, that increasing the allowable distance between turbines and houses is not a solution to any problem such mentioned or any other. All this does is cut out smaller farm holdings from Wind Farm projects or just adds unnecessary costs and difficulties to the developers.

We should indeed have the turbines, because they will be a benefit.

Yours truly,

Greg Fletcher.