

Dear Senators,

My objection to wind farms is not because of their serious health effects nor their desecration of our natural scenery, but because they are totally unnecessary and extremely wasteful of our country's financial resources that could be much better employed.

- Wind farms' electricity is produced intermittently, requiring thermal power station back-up capacity. They don't operate when the wind is either too light or too strong.
- The cost of producing electricity from wind power is many times more expensive than that from thermal power stations and hence a burden on all electricity users (everybody).
- The drive for "sustainable" electricity production is well-meant but totally misguided because the miniscule reduction in carbon dioxide emissions enabled by them will have absolutely no measurable effect on the world's climate.
- There is no point in Australia reducing its carbon dioxide emissions at a huge cost to the economy, when other nations (e.g. China, India and the U.S.A.) are increasing theirs at a great rate.
- Please let good sense, rather than pressure from alarmist "Greens" dictate your decisions.

Respectfully,

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