

**In regard to the Inquiry:
The Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms.**

Wind power is part of the mix –it is essential that all renewable energy systems be employed in Australia to allow Australia and the world to know that there are real, effective alternatives to coal fired power.

Wind is clean –generating power from wind does not add carbon to the atmosphere

Wind is a growing industry –keeping the wind industry going ensures that Australians can develop skills and technology that could be sold internationally

Wind is an employer –the wind industry provides jobs to people living in rural areas

Wind and base load –wind cannot supply base load but by harvesting power while the wind does blow reduces the need to generate power from coal during those times, reducing the carbon released into our atmosphere.

Wind can help reduce power costs –evidence from overseas demonstrates that the installation of wind is reducing the wholesale price of power – at a time when power costs are set to increase this news is welcome

Wind is supported –surveys show that wind power is well supported by the population across a wide range of communities

Wind contributes –wind farms could contribute to booster struggling rural communities ensuring long term viability

Wind power diversifies the income stream – wind farms allow rural producers to diversify the sources of their income allowing a back up to what, at times, can not deliver due to drought and flood etc – wind always delivers.

Wind is important - wind power is part of a mix of various renewable energies methods that Australia must employ in order to ensure an unbroken supply of power long into the future

Wind is forever - wind is never going to run out

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