

Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing as investors in Hepburn Wind and strong believers in the merits of changing our energy emphasis from finite coal based fuel, which has such a significant impact on the production of green house gases, to renewable forms such as wind and solar power.

We invested in Hepburn Wind because we consider it is important to put into practice that which we believe in.

We believe that climate change is real and that the current natural disasters we are experiencing across Australia reflect this fact.

We also believe that as individuals, and we as a nation, must act before it is too late.

We have a two year old grandchild and are becoming increasingly concerned for her future. This is becoming a significant reason for us to urge politicians to grasp the reality of our current situation. Australia is one of the worst green house gas emitters per head of population in the world and we see projects such as that being undertaken by Hepburn Wind as being absolutely imperative to change this situation.

We worry that politicians are being blinded to the facts of climate change by powerful lobbyists in the coal industry and that as a result these politicians will not act responsibly – their imperatives are economics and not the future of the planet or our children and grandchildren.

We concur with the claims of Hepburn Wind that there is currently no published scientific evidence to positively link wind turbines with adverse health effects. To us, wind turbines are both elegant and functional and we do not believe that the claims of those opponents of such forms of energy are correct.

We are also immensely proud to be associated with a project which will contribute \$1m to community initiatives over the next 25 years and which will generate more electricity each year than is used by the houses in Daylesford and much of the surrounding area. This also is a significant reason for our investment in this project.

The Hepburn Wind project was subject to strict planning conditions through the approvals process and we understand will be closely monitored for compliance with some of the strictest environmental controls in the world.

We urge this enquiry to consider the facts and not to be persuaded by the claims of climate change skeptics, by powerful lobbyists and power seeking politicians whose only role seems to be to gain government without regard to the future of our grandchildren.

Andrew and Janice Robertson