

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Late last year the Australian Senate agreed to hold an inquiry into the "social and economic impacts of rural wind farms". The inquiry was sought by independent Senator Fielding, who has been influenced by a number of anti-wind energy campaigners who are trying to shut down our industry.

The Senate is currently calling for submissions on the topic.

In response we submit the following

- We live in Rural Western Australia and are suffering from the worst drought on record
- We have been bombarded with calls to action and control our Carbon Emissions
- We have been asked to consider all environmental aspects in our decision making
- Coal fired Power stations are great polluters of our environment.

There is a wind farm currently under construction in our community, this in no small way has helped many farmers and businesses to sustain the devastating effects of the drought and have added much in terms of vibrancy and hope to a community that would otherwise suffer from a very depressed environment.

Having the opportunity to work in the vicinity of the wind farm has been exciting and our Staff have enjoyed the skyscape from a distance, tourist to the area have also made positive comments.

I am a proud resident in the area and am more than happy to promote the benefits to our community and the overall long term benefit to the state.

Yours faithfully

Julie P Townrow