

To who it may concern,

We are writing this letter to voice our opinion of the social and economical impact of wind farms in Australia.

We are currently running a farm on a potential wind farm site so we have a vested interest in wind farms. After recent climatic events we realise the impact of global warming, therefore support any attempts to reduce greenhouse emissions. We have three children and are concerned about what the future may hold for them if changes to renewable energy are not addressed at this present time.

We do not believe the wind towers will have any adverse health effects for people living near wind farms. We don't believe noise will be an issue, however we do have a slight concern regarding light flicker and technological interruption, for example television and internet reception. We have a positive view regarding the improvements to road infrastructure, fire access and local employment. The economic stimulus that a project like this will bring to our local community can only be of benefit. The addition to family finances from turbine rental payments will provide us with a steady income, as farming can have such a volatile cash flow. The impact that wind towers have on local flora and fauna has been raised by opposition groups, in particular the brolga seems to be of some concern. We believe that there are very few brolgas around and they cannot fly high enough to be in danger. A brolgas main threat is a fox and if the wind farm companies are prepared to spend money on wildlife sanctuaries then that will see a potential increase in brolga populations. In summary we believe windfarms have a place in our society and are looking forward to them being built on our farm.

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