

Rural Wind Farms look great; are necessary and can give secure incomes to rural Australians.

It is with great pride that I take visitors to view the (nearby) Capital Wind Farm at Lake George and the wind farm near Gunning. The turbines look great and I hope we will soon see more of them.

I am delighted that we have started the long road to changing our energy sources from non-renewable to renewable. I see it as evidence we have finally begun to value the future which will be inhabited by others – and not just the present which we inhabit.

Wind farms are an ideal industry for rural and regional Australia. The income that can be derived from wind farms is especially valuable to land holders and rural communities as it is independent of rainfall.

I trust this Senate Committee Inquiry will result in an enhanced appreciation of the social and economic value of rural wind farms and that this will contribute to a rapid expansion in wind farms and other forms of renewable energy generation.