

Submission:

“I write in support of rural wind farms.

Australia has a moral obligation to dramatically cut its carbon emissions, given the evidence that has been given to us by the world scientific community of the likely consequences of global warming.

As an Australian I want to do the right thing by our planet. We have the wealth and are most able to make the transition to a zero emissions economy. As a developed country we also carry an above average share of the responsibility for the CO₂ already in the atmosphere, so even if no other country chooses to act we still have a moral responsibility to do so. I cannot stand by and see my actions lead to massive climate induced disruptions of the lives of the poorest people in the world when it is in my power to mitigate the effect.

The most cost effective alternative to fossil fuel power is rurally located wind power. Given the challenge to get to zero emissions it would be madness to eschew the technology that can get us there with the least cost. We must of course invest in energy efficiency, we must change our behaviour and we must invest in other forms of renewables.

Existing planning regulations are more than sufficient to see that wind turbines are located in places where they will not have adverse impacts.

The Senate Committee should not propose provisions that would unnecessarily make the development of the Australia wind industry more difficult or onerous.”