

Submission on wind farms

Senate commission on social and economic impact of rural windfarms.

I would just like to say that I am greatly in favour of wind farms as a source of clean energy, and far less of a blot on the landscape than coal mines. They are also a source of sustainable rural employment.

As to their visual impact, having walked amongst a windfarm at Albany, WA, I was impressed by the elegance of the towers and their relative silence. Similarly, the 60+ wind towers on the edge of Lake George make a most wonderful and beautiful installation.

This is a much better way of producing power than coal-fired power plants with their high emissions of smoke and greenhouse gases, and their reliance on hideous and dangerous (as the Pike River mine incident shows) coal mines.

Yours sincerely,

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