

Senate Wind Farm Inquiry

Community Affairs References Committee

Parliament House, Canberra 2600.

To whom it may concern,

As a Rural Australian Employee who currently works in the Wind Industry, I wish to express my pride at being a part of what I see as a positive method of generation of Electricity.

I do not believe in Wind Turbine Syndrome as I cannot see how a wind turbine has an individual level of Infrasound that does not occur in other modern day equipment. Take into account that different manufacturers of Wind Turbines produce other variables into the equation such as turbine size, blade size, gearbox or direct drive, tower height etc. (I would say that driving my car past white posts with my window down would produce a similar sound.)

I moved up to the Mid North of South Australia from Rural Victoria four and a half years ago. The region was suffering a major drought, Not only have successive wind farm projects provided an influx of workers and their families but also provided ongoing employment to the many locals directly or indirectly through support industries such as Metal Fabrication, fencing, civil works, etc.

I respect people's right to object to developments they feel may lessen their quality of life. But any development should be built to planning rules and guidelines based on quality research and knowledge. This cannot be only applied to Wind farms. A 2km setback championed by many people against wind farm development could reasonably be expected applied to other industries such as Dairy farms (ever listened to a vacuum pump at 6am in the morning?) Other industries which could be targeted in futures could include Sawmills, Feedlots, Piggeries, Quarry operations, etc.

I enjoy working in Rural Australia, living as part of a community and enjoying the lifestyle that the Wind Industry provides. In my opinion the vast majority of the community based around the Wind farms I have been involved with do not seem to have a problem with them.

Regards, Brendan Ryan