

Submission:

While wind farms are certainly never going to be a complete answer to our energy future, they are certainly an important part of the mix.

Windpower is cheap, and clean, with about as few downsides as is possible in a crowded world.

All reputable research on the subject of wind turbines has determined that the impacts on both humans and wildlife are very minimal, and compare favourably with other forms of electricity generation – compare hydro-electricity, which involves submerging large amounts of often valuable land, or coal power, where health risks from particulate emissions are well-researched and highly detrimental to those living close to power stations.

On a personal level, driving through Victoria and coming across one of the state's existing windfarms gives me a quiet thrill, like little else I know – I feel like I am looking at the future, and I like what I see. To me, those who complain about windfarms simply have not looked at any of the alternatives closely enough.

Regards,  
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