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Community Affairs Committee
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Dear Sir,

as chair of an incorporated local community association I wish to submit some information relevant to our Community of Crystal Brook. I have been chair for nearly three years and in that time a wind farm at one of our neighbouring districts, Clements Gap has been put into service.

Our Association takes seriously any issue that effects individuals, groups or the whole Community and will represent them where possible if we consider they are being disadvantaged or inadequately represented. Since the time the wind farm has been into service, which is over 2 years ago, our Association has never received a complaint of any nature nor has any person or committee member ever raised as a point of discussion any positive or negative aspect relating to the wind farm.

Furthermore, as a small rural community, Crystal Brook has always found it difficult to raise funds for projects to enhance the social well-being of our residents. Pacific Hydro, the company responsible for the construction and management of the Clements Gap Windfarm has at all times shown itself to be a good corporate citizen. Through an annual Community Grant scheme this company distributes up to \$50,000 to organisations and have provided funds to support a range of programmes that includes sports clubs, local primary school, community caravan park, country show committee and heritage groups.

Although the points raised above are minor in comparison to the overall intent of the enquiry, I would like to thank the committee for allowing us, as a small representative committee of our Community, a voice to provide some relevant information.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to call me on 08 8636 2737 or by email at jsteggles@bigpond.com.

Yours truly

John Steggles
Chair, Crystal Brook Community Association