

Dear Sir, Madam,

Blade Repairs Australia is a small company ( 2-10 employees depending on demand) which has specialised in wind turbine rotor blade repairs and tower maintenance and refurbishment since 2005. Having worked on wind farms in rural areas in Australia and Southeast Asia i have seen the many benefits that they bring to these communities as well as the rest of Australia. My company employees up to 10 workers and each worker spends \$420 plus each week just on food in these small town businesses,

Added to that our fuel, accomodation, hire cars air fares crane hire and hardware it turns it into a sizeable amount for a small company. I also employ local help where ever we work to help the local economy. A lot of the sites i go to especially during construction have up to 40 workers on site and this is an enormous benefit to these small communities not to mention the workers doing the ongoing servicing and maintenance.

Wind power & green energy is the way of the future for Australia. Using fossil fuel has to be stopped and wind power is one way to achieve this, sure there has been lots of negative publicity about the wind turbines but most of it unsubstantiated and without proof. They say that they are noisy but that is in most cases untrue, they are not efficient at making power once again not true, they don't benefit rural communities, all the people i have spoken to in these rural communities including town people and farmers like them and want more.

Finally wind turbines are good for rural areas they aren't noisy or inefficient and they kill very few birds " because birds aren't that stupid " (approximately 1 for every 10,000 killed by cars), people in rural communities do want them to benefit their area, they do help employ people and because the industry is growing it is only going to get better for these rural communities as well as the rest of Australia.

Kind Regards

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