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RE: Social and economic impact of rural wind farms

The best thing about wind farms is that, through co-ops like Hepburn Wind, they allow people with small means to put money into low-carbon energy technologies. Money which politicians are too scared to be seen doing, leading that is,— with public monies.

The upfront cost of a roof-based Photo-Voltaic array, regardless of any late-to-the-party rebate that may follow, is prohibitive for many. Community based and co-operative Wind Farms thus allow people to more efficiently and productively invest in low-carbon energy production plant. Their money goes further in a community windfarm,

This strengthens local communities, it's impact is wonderful. It will flow through to other areas.

Income from the investment can be offset against energy bills, just the way feed-in tariffs do. It's easier than getting PV array's built on one's roof. The economies of scale help too.

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