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To whom it may concern

**Re: Pro Wind Energy Submission- Social and Economic Impacts of Rural Wind Farms**

On behalf of Max Crane & Equipment Hire (SA) Pty Ltd I would like to show our support to the wind energy industry during the inquiry by the Australian Senate. Max Cranes have been working in the wind energy industry on occasion for several years along with many various companies around the region who have benefited economically through these significant investments.

The growth of Max Cranes during the wind farm projects has assisted in giving new employees great opportunities for recruitment in the rural region which is important for families & communities in the state. We do look forward to assisting in the erection and maintenance of the wind farms for many years to come which will provide more investment into the economy for both equipment and personnel.

Wind energy is a positive, clean, cost effective source of power to the region which is giving a significant amount of opportunities to local business, job seekers and communities. Furthermore, power produced by wind turbines is renewable source of energy which is reducing greenhouse gases and does not require electricity supplies which is a positive step into the future.

The surrounding towns and cities have seen substantial growth and development from the many wind farms already built for example Pt Lincoln, Cowell, Hallett, Jamestown, Edithburg, Pt Broughton are just a few of the towns to benefit. The benefits go right from the basic food services to accommodation, real estate, sporting bodies etc allowing local communities to strive where possible.

I have no hesitation in supporting any future investment into the country and indeed the state for further progress in the wind industry.

Yours sincerely

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