

Senate Community Affairs Committee on the Impact of Wind Farms

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

I have much personal experience on the impact of Wind Farms or maybe the impact of the guardians on rural communities and I am great full for the opportunity to pass on some observations.

It is quite a challenge to experience first hand the intensity that the guardians exert on a community once the possibility of a wind farm is announced. They become a very driven and intense group, with little or no tolerance for any person who may be agreeable with the up take of renewable energy.

The majority of people living in the community are in general in support of the proposed Wind Farm.

It is quite common for the proposed Wind Farm to be on secondary or marginal farm land.

A Wind Farm development is one of the only such undertakings [quite different to a proposed coal mine for example] that allow the farmer to stay on the land and continue to farm and also provide an income to assure good governance of the land.

It is my experience that there is little if any real negative impact on surrounding property values.

The majority of people find Wind Farms inoffensive to view.

It is quite a coup for the Guardians to come up with something that cannot be measured, 'the sound you cannot hear'. They should be congratulated.

The vast majority of Australians, even those who do not believe in climate change, believe we cannot go on digging holes for ever, there has to be a better way, the wind will keep blowing.

As an Australian it is quite amazing to hear that with wealth redistribution, income from the Wind Farm to be redistributed to neighbors will allay all problems, for this concept to have any credibility maybe this idea should apply across all development undertaken in our country.

Thank you for this opportunity and you are always welcome to visit my family farm.

Regards

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