

To the Secretary, Senate Committee on Wind farms

I would like to express my support for wind farms that are appropriately located.

here are some reasons why

- The [National Health and Medical Research Council](#) (NHMRC) recently concluded that "there is currently no published scientific evidence to positively link wind turbines with adverse health effects."
- [Research](#) by Adelaide consultancy Sonus has recently shown that low frequency noise levels at the beach and in the CBD are typically higher than near wind farms.
- [Recent polling](#) in regional NSW has shown that 85% support wind power with the majority supporting it in their communities.

An example of a positive contribution is Hepburn community wind farm

- Hepburn Wind has already created three direct jobs, and our project has already spent more than \$2m in regional Victoria with more to come.
- Our project was subject to strict planning conditions through the approvals process and will be closely monitored for compliance with some of the strictest environmental controls in the world.
- Our project will contribute \$1m to community initiatives over the next 25 years. In fact, we'll be donating more to the community than we pay in lease fees to the landowner at Leonards Hill.
- Hepburn Wind is expected to cost \$13m and generate more electricity each year than is used by the houses in Daylesford and much of the surrounding area. At the equivalent of less than \$6000/house, no other renewable energy solution comes close.

We need alternatives to finite polluting resources and wind farms can contribute to our ongoing energy needs

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