

## **Response to the Social and Economical Impact of Rural Wind Farms.**

We are small business owners in a rural community, situated not too far from a wind farm and we believe wind power to be a great advantage in our area.

Wind farms can generate power from a free natural resource, pollution free, having no adverse health effects on locals, and creating minimal noise. We have some of the cleanest air in the world and we don't want to see it polluted in any way. So why not use what comes to us naturally, free of charge and pollution free.

As well as benefits such as these the wind industry also assists in creating business and employment in the local area. Therefore the Government should be supporting such a scheme in a big way. We have supplied VESTAS with a great deal of nuts and bolts as well as a large range of other materials they require for the work they do. This has also helped enable our business to create jobs for three to four young locals looking for employment.

The wind farm also attracts tourism in the area which has a positive impact on the whole community.

Having wind power also gives the opposition some competition and incentive to keep honest. Our Hydro power is just beyond a joke - forcing people to look for other alternatives. We need more wind towers not less.

Wind power doesn't use water either and as we get less and less rain it will become important to be able to use other sources such as wind.

With all these things considered it just seems logical to continue with projects like these. Why not work together to make the place stronger and healthier for our kids, and the future.

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