

26th January 2011

The Federal Senate's Committee on Community Affairs
Inquiry into the Social and economic impact of rural wind farms

Dear Sir / Madam,

On behalf of the Members of the above society I would like to take this opportunity to make this submission for the continued use and further introduction of wind farms in the rural community for the following reasons:-

Having visited our local wind farm in the Ararat area, we fail to understand the concern as to noise, having stood underneath the wind turbines on various occasions we found that there is only a low 'Whoosh' when each blade comes around, certainly not enough to warrant any concern to people living nearby, and we did not notice any vibrations to speak of.

The introduction of wind farms into local communities creates local jobs.

The siting of the wind turbines creates much needed extra income to local land owners. All local communities benefit, as we our selves have benefited from the very generous community grants that Pacific Hydro have introduced to give much needed funds to volunteer-run organisations.

Wind turbines do not create greenhouse gasses.

We do not consider the wind farms as a blot on the landscape; in fact in some instances the landscape is vastly improved.

People must realise that we need cleaner energy now not later; the world can not afford to wait any longer.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinion.

Yours Faithfully

Wayne Field (President)