

To Whom it may Concern,

I write in support of the Renewable Industry in regards to Wind Farms.

I am a Councillor, and former Mayor with the Glenelg Shire, Victoria.

I also work for Keppel Prince who manufacture Wind Tower Sections.

I have seen the potential of employment opportunities with the construction of wind towers.

Over the last two years the drying up of Projects has seen over 100 employees retrenched from the Company I work for.

Confidence of investments in Wind Energy will give a strong economic benefit for Australian workers.

Although limited with the times I have been on site where wind towers were operating, I have not experienced any excessive noise at all.

The continuation of the Portland Wind Farm Project will see a tower located some 700 metres from my residence. I do not have any issue with this location if/when completed.

The Alcoa Power line runs through our property, with a tower located on the property. The noise from the lines during damp and high humidity times is very high, however is not unlivable and mainly is ignored by the family. Property owners with windtowers receive an annual payment from the Owners and this adds to the economic benefit for that region. (Our tower receives no payment, in comparison.)

The Environmental benefits of lowering the pollutants from coal power stations are very important for future generations.

The Federal Government should seriously consider restricting the percentage of imported goods. Towers should be built in Australia using at a minimum 80% of local product.

In closing, I am strongly supportive of the Wind Industry and ask for Federal Govt. support for this industry.

Regards,

Gilbert Desmond Wilson (Cr.)