

## WIND FARMS

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Please find enclosed a short statement as to why I support the establishment of wind farms in Victoria.

Mixed land use.

One of the most attractive aspects of wind farming is its low impact on other land uses. Stock seem to be able to graze below the blades happily enough. I am in favour of a energy generation device that doesn't interfere with existing land use.

Clean and green

With climate change a priority in Australia it is vital that we find non-polluting sources of energy and invest in them as a matter of urgency. I feel that wind power ought to be part of a solution. While wind power may not stop all our greenhouse gas emissions, it should be an integrated part of the approach to mitigating climate change.

<http://www.csiro.au/science/Climate-Change.html> (accessed 7/2/11)

Failure to address issue

The social impacts of NOT addressing climate change are substantial. This is the anniversary of the 'Black Saturday' Victorian bushfires, and we have recently seen the highest rainfall recorded in parts of Victoria in the wake of cyclone Yasi. According to the Age....

*"CYCLONE YASI is probably early real-world evidence of scientific predictions that global warming will lead to more extreme weather events, according to the government's expert climate change adviser, Professor Ross Garnaut."* (<http://www.theage.com.au/environment/weather/future-cyclones-could-be-more-extreme-garnaut-20110203-1afj9.html> accessed 7/2/11)

Many of the complaints leveled at wind farms will pale beside the impact of worsening climate change. While some will argue that this falls outside the consideration of this enquiry, the social impacts of how we produce our energy are linked in to the social impacts of climate change.

Thankyou.

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