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Submission:

I support rural wind farms.

We must respond to climate change. And we must do so soon. My research tells me that wind power is commercially and technically viable.

As I understand it, wind farms pose no health risks for people living close to them. Also the levels of low frequency sound are well within accepted thresholds.

The wind industry employs more people per unit of energy than either coal or gas generation and the resulting jobs are widely spread across many regions.

Land owners benefit from a new source of income, with insignificant affect on farming operations.

Wind farms are not new. Their operations are proven to be successful financially and from a pollution perspective.

Australian states already have well developed wind farm planning controls. Any changes to these controls should be equitably and consistently applied across other industries and be informed by science.

The Senate Committee should not propose provisions that would unnecessarily make the development of the Australian wind industry more difficult or onerous.