

The Senate

I am a local Portland resident. I personally spend a large amount of my own time in the outdoors fishing and hiking around the areas that have wind farms.

I have not seen any detrimental effects from the wind towers:

1. Unless parked directly beside one I have never heard a sound.
2. There visual amenity is acceptable especially when you consider the alternative electrical generation sources.
3. I have not seen any or would not expect any impact on wild life.

Portland is an industrial town and all our industries use large amounts of electricity. I believe this is directly related to our way of life, modern cars use aluminium (Alcoa), require heavy engineering (Keppel Prince). Food production or other life style commodities require the bulk import / export of the raw material via our Port (Iluka, Incitec Pivot, Graincorp, Gunns, South west Fibre (SWF) and so one.

In addition I would like to share some anecdotes from visitors to Portland over the last summer period:

1. The wind towers look nice in the distance.
2. It must be one dumb patriot to fly into that big windmill (reference to the Gippsland experience).
3. The farmers must be happy with the income.
4. Can we go and look at them closer. They are big but look small from a distance.
5. Why don't we have more, In America they link them in a grade as base load are we doing that in Australia?

One final comment I believe they are a small price (the visual amenity on our coast line) to pay for our current way of life.

This is my personal view and I am currently employed as per the below.

regards

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