

To: The Senate Community Affairs Committee into the Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms.

We wish to express our support for the development of rural wind farms, in particular in the Crookwell region, where we are part-time residents on a 10 hectare 'rural retreat'.

As parents and grandparents, we are concerned about climate change and support the development of renewable energy projects to reduce the dependence upon coal fired power plants.

We are surprised by the opponents of wind farm projects as we do not believe that there are any valid scientific objections. Objections appear to be either fallacious or subjective. Some objectors are concerned about the aesthetics of wind towers, 'polluting' the rural environment. We personally find wind towers aesthetically pleasing.

There does however, need to be sufficient separation between wind turbines and residential dwellings, and this may be a legitimate area for negotiation.

Rural communities need all the help they can get, and will benefit from the economic benefits of the development of new infrastructure.

Yours sincerely  
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