

Submission:

“I write in support of rural wind farms.

I am both a financial investor in Hepburnwind and a local community member who will receive the social and economic benefits from the soon to be commissioned wind turbines.

I believe that the social and economic benefits of wind farms far outweigh any actual and/or perceived negative aspects. Research to date clearly supports this view.

As a person who understands that we need energy generation to maintain and support our way of life, I challenge the inquiry to find:

1. A “perfect” system that generates energy. In other words a system that does not have even the slightest of negatives, perceived and/or documented.

b. An energy generation system that is more economically and socially responsible and viable than wind farms.

Once the upcoming Inquiry has addressed the above 2 points, then surely we can stop the politicking and negative lobbying and get on with providing the rest of Australia with a “Socially and Economically responsible and viable source of renewable energy”.

I remain ever hopeful.

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