

## ARARAT AND DISTRICT WOODIES CLUB INC.

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The Federal Senate's Committee on Community Affairs  
Inquiry into the Social and economic impact of rural wind farms

Dear Sir / Madam

I live 15 km from the wind farm in our area and they look fantastic working away on the side of the hill. Wind farms generating power will reduce the need of burning coal to generate our power.

When I have been close to the wind farm the noise seems to be very minimum, as for danger to the bird life there would be more birds killed by cars on our roads than by the wind turbines.

Farm animals can graze around the wind turbines so farm incomes would have little or no change, property values little affect, employment opportunities would increase with the construction of the wind farms and the maintenance of the equipment.

I have heard of no negative comments about the wind farm in our community.

Pacific Hydro has contributed to the local volunteer groups by making generous grants available and our woodworking group has had two grants in recent years that has helped the working conditions in our workshop. So lets keep developing these wind farms.

Yours sincerely

David Mitchell  
Hon secretary