

Submission:

I support wind farms in rural areas and turbines where practical in urban areas.

I grew up with wind power. Windmills were our pumps and wind generators provided many local farms and PMG exchanges.

I would be happy to have turbines on or near my rural property.

My research indicates that contemporary large scale wind turbines are highly efficient and complete power generators with regards to establishment, operation and carbon cost.

It's good that landholders have opportunity to gain income from wind farms, and to have energy sources that can reduce dependency on a few power sources that are a long distance away.

I was concerned when I heard about noise complaints. I tend to be noise sensitive, particularly to low frequency noise, so I read health impact studies and also visited some wind farms. Listening in a range of conditions and from different distances, suggested no noise problem, especially by comparison with common pervasive low frequency sounds like rock music, which can be played for sustained periods, at very loud volumes, by a wide % of neighbours in the town and country.

Wind farms also give me a hint of hope that Australia can have a chance of a future.

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