

I am writing because I strongly believe that we, as a country, need to urgently reassess how energy is produced in this country. I believe that wind farms should be a significant player in that process. It is a clean, safe and endless source of power which can help significantly in our response to climate change.

I recently spent a month in France where there were wind farms all over the countryside and close to townships. I was heartened to see that the European countries realise the importance of these renewable energy sources. Obviously their governments comprehend the benefits to air and water quality as well as the health benefits to their communities and are prepared to encourage the installation of such wind farms.

I belong to a climate change action group and we recently did surveys in our local area. More than 80% of the respondents wanted more to be done to be done about developing renewable energy, which indicates there is a community will to bring about a push to clean, renewable energy.

It is time to do something substantial about developing renewable energy sources. Ongoing delays will put Australia even further behind in taking responsibility for its part in the increasing the carbon levels in the world. It is no longer acceptable for state and federal governments to be happy to sell the coal overseas and use it as a primary energy source at home and not realise the enormous negative consequences those sales and use have.

Yours sincerely
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