

To whom in may concern,

Members of the Lions Club of Ararat haven't receive any negative comments regarding the wind farm at Challicum Hills east of Ararat.

The same applies to members of the public from within the Ararat district that I have spoken too.

Most people are amazed at how quite the blades/towrs are, the Lions Club of Ararat had a information session and bbq at the foot of a tower 4 years ago and invited other Lions club from the district to attend. Those that attended had expected the machines to be loud and disruptive, the general wind not the wind from the towers was more of a nuisance. One comment was "my washing machine makes more noise than that."

Initially there was a tourist interest but I think that has now passed. The community does benefit in that Pacific Hydo makes grants available to community groups and this has assisted our club, which in turn that assistance goes back into the community of Ararat.

Regards

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