

To Whom it may concern, If any more evidence is needed to convince anyone of the benefits of wind farms, then perhaps the senate should visit the Western Australian Wheat belt town of Merredin, where there is currently a wind farm being constructed. A number of the benefits are, apart from the obvious renewable energy etc, long term employment for a small country town, continual income for land owners, a boost to local schools, sporting clubs, shops and many more.

If the Senate is serious about listening to the voters then I would urge at least one of them to visit a town such as Merredin and speak with the locals and hear first hand of the benefits. It is easy for many people to form a view from the big cities where there is often many alternatives to make an income, also where the true facts are not always delivered.

Yours sincerely,

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