

Dear Sir/ Madam

As an employee of a wind energy developer, I believe there is a competitive place for wind energy within Australian's energy mix. I am happy to support the development of a zero emission energy sources like wind, especially as the social and economic costs of the recent floods in Queensland and Victoria (which I believe were intensified as a result of climate change) are likely to have a crippling effect on many people for a number of years.

Policy and planning guidelines are robust enough in Australia to protect amenities and minimise social impacts to landowners surrounding a wind farm. Early consultation with government agencies, referral authorities and the community can avoid and reduced impacts. Detailed impact assessments carried out prior to development help to avoid, reduce and mitigate any impacts to the landscape and the environment. Impacts from noise, electromagnetic interference and shadow flicker are measured, monitored and predicted, so that the wind farm's final design layout can be altered to comply with relevant standards and legislation.

The benefits of a wind farm within a rural community are not only experienced by participating landowners, who generate a supplementary income from hosting wind turbines on their land while maintaining their farming practises, but are trickled down to those within the community, as wind farm developers give back to the community through long term committed monetary funds set in place to support local clubs and social groups.

I thank you opportunity to make a submission and to hear my reasons for supporting wind farm development in Australia.

Regards

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