

To whom it may concern,

Please find below my response to the Senate Inquiry into the Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms.

**A Response to the Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms**

I writing to submit my support for the wind energy industry in Australia. I believe that wind energy represents one of the most reliable, proven and economic clean energy technologies available today. It is the responsibility of a legislative body such as the Australian Federal Government to introduce policies that nurture the developing Australian wind energy industry.

The level of criticism directed towards the wind industry represents one the most extreme cases of over representation of a minority dissenting voice. The overwhelming majority of Australian citizens support the increased deployment of renewable energy in general, and wind energy in particular.

Speaking personally as a student of engineering at the University of New South Wales, it strikes me as perverse to consider curtailing the development of a very clean energy technology such as wind power when the numerous and proven threats posed by fossil fuel generation (particularly coal) go virtually unchecked.

Wind energy is a proven renewable energy that has gained substantial market share in the energy sector over the previous three decades. Large scale deployment of wind turbines, often in rural regions, has become an established practice with systems commonly operating for lifetimes in excess of 15 years. During this time there has been no peer-reviewed or otherwise scientifically validated evidence to support the common criticisms of the wind energy industry.

I urge you to promote the development of the wind energy industry in Australia.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Krisman