

FederalSenate Inquiry

Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms

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Victoria's electricity generating capacity is less Victoria's electricity consumption. It has been many years since any significant investment was made in the construction of conventional power stations, and I suspect that it will be many more years, if ever, before any more investment is made.

Those investing in wind farms are investing in Victoria's electricity future.

Almost all of Victoria's electricity is generated in the Latrobe Valley and a great deal of power is lost in transmission. A wider distribution of generation i.e. generation closer to consumption, is good for us all due to increased efficiency.

There is no doubt that the wind is a very important energy source for the future. We should develop it now and use the opportunity to produce the infrastructure to fully utilise it.

George Jones