

Dear Senators

I am making this submission as an opportunity to convey my absolute support of wind farms.

It is crucial that we develop our renewable energies and wind is a clean source of power.

Overseas evidence indicates wholesale energy prices are dropping with the advancement of wind technology and industry.

Many Australians are concerned about the pollution associated with coal power and the rising costs of electricity. Additionally, the recent floods and scorching heatwaves have reorientated many people's minds back onto climate change and the urgent need for long-term, renewable energy solutions.

Current studies into wind farms do not demonstrate any negative effects on the health of people who reside near them.

Additionally, employment prospects will prosper in these regions with the advancement of the wind industry, surely a marker of a positive economic and social impact.

Research clearly shows that the quality of life for individuals in those regions will not be adversely impacted by modern turbine noise as levels of both low frequency noise and infrasound are within acceptable thresholds.

There is also no statistical evidence that wind farms reduce property values and in fact they bring property owners who host turbines on their land considerable economic opportunities.

Wind farms have enormous support in the community.

It would be very disappointing if the Senate Committee implemented provisions that would restrict the industry's development.

I believe that the support of these provisions is largely based on ignorance and scare-mongering by a minority who are not representative of the majority of Australians.

Yours sincerely

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