

To the Senate Community Affairs Committee

Regarding:
The Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms

To the Committee

I would like the committee to know that as a resident of rural Australia I would welcome a wind farm in my neighbourhood.

I am not concerned about any health effects of living near a wind farm as there appears to be no evidence that they pose a health risk.

If I was a land owner I would welcome a wind turbine on my property as it would generate revenue for me with only minimal disruption to other activities on the property. Personally, I believe they look good too so I would be happy to see them on my neighbour's property.

A great benefit of rural wind farms is that they will distribute power production throughout the country and so reduce transmission losses which are a large waste in the current centralised power production system.

Rural wind farms will play a very important role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and I believe will give rural communities a sense of pride that they are part of the solution to a global problem.

I urge the committee to recommend that federal, state and local planning laws are designed to encourage the uptake of rural wind farms.

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