Department of the Senate Community Affairs Committee

"Inquiry into the social and economic impact of rural wind farms"

Submission from Codrington Rural Fire Brigade – South West Victoria

This Brigade has recently has received funds from Pacific Hydro for the purchase of a trailed fire fighting unit to supplement the equipment supplied by the CFA. This unit is available to the local community for fire prevention and other land management activity as well as for use in fire incidents as they occur.

The Brigade applauds this contribution of Pacific Hydro and sees it as part of Pacific Hydro's generous community support programme rather than as some kind of payback to overcome any negative effects of the wind farm.

The brigade members all live in close proximity to the Codrington wind farm and over the ten years or more of its existence there have been no negative impacts so far as the Brigade is concerned.

Gordon Monsbourgh Secretary Codrington Rural Fire Brigade