

To: The Senate Inquiry into Social and Economic Impact of Wind Farms

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Dear Senators,

Here in Queensland we are currently bracing for the worst cyclone in the history of settlement of this country. Coming after catastrophic floods, they are clear evidence that the predictions made by scientists over forty years ago, in regard to the effect of fossil fuel burning on global temperatures and climate, were correct.

I recently flew right across Germany and observed their total embrace of wind farm technology. Likewise Britain has been constructing numerous turbines in the sea close to the coast. On a visit to Spain in the mid nineties I saw wind turbines all along Spain's Mediterranean coast. California has had a large percentage of its electricity powered by wind for decades.

Australia, a country with good technical expertise, has been remiss in not embracing this clean, green technology much earlier.

In the oil depleted future it makes good sense to create jobs in non-urban areas. Wind farms can be located in most rural regions. They will help us to decentralise our population, as will embrace of solar technology.

Our resident climate skeptics are out of touch with our current predicament and our future needs. By embracing wind power you can show vision, intelligence, concern for quality of life and good economic sense.

Your Sincerely,

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