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Dear Sir/Madam

## Senate Inquiry - The Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms

- I have worked at Keppel Prince for 7 years and have worked on a number of wind farm sites
- I can't see how wind farms could have any adverse impacts on health
- I spend a lot of time at Cape Bridgewater where there are 29 wind mills and have not heard of anyone suffering any health impacts out there
- I often visit houses at Cape Bridgewater and spend a lot of time on the beach and whilst some locals are not happy with some of the locations of the wind towers, no one has mentioned noise or health problems
- My observation is that tourists like the wind farms and there has been no decline in tourist numbers since the wind farms were constructed. If anything, tourism has increased!
- Wind farms are a great source of local employment and they make a positive contribution to our local economy
- We don't need any more barriers for renewable energy. Let's move forward to a clean and green future.

Ben Lipplegoes 09/02/2011