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SUBMISSION IN FAVOUR OF WIND FARMS

We are farmers within reasonable close distance to the coastal wind farms and thus hear the views of the farmers with wind towers on their farms and neighbouring farmers.

We also read with interest the views of other people opposing proposed wind farms in their areas. These people come up with some ridiculous reasons as to why wind farms should not go ahead. They appear to have no first hand knowledge of a wind farm and their imaginations run riot with perceived adverse side affects of wind towers.

The local situation is that no one in our area with wind towers including their neighbours are unhappy with wind farms.

No dead Brolgas, Eagles or any other birds have been found dead near a wind tower.

No farmers or their neighbours appear to be affected by a noise situation, certainly no one is complaining.

The farm animals show absolutely no adverse side effects of grazing near wind towers.

The farmers and neighbouring farmers continue farming no different to normal. The income farmers with wind towers receive is a good boost to their yearly finances. If anything neighbouring farmers are disappointed that they have no towers to generate income for themselves.

There doesn't appear to be any adverse effect on land values on either wind farms or neighbouring land. If anything the value of a farmland increases after the erection of wind towers.

The effect on employment is a very definite improvement. Local contractors are used in the construction and maintenance of roads within wind farms and the material is sourced locally.

Local fencing contractors benefit by the re fencing of farms to accommodate the roads etc. Regional towns benefit via the purchase of the materials, food and accommodation used during construction.

People receiving income via work or having wind towers on their properties have increased spending power that has to be positive for local communities and regional towns

To my knowledge the vast majority of farmers believe we need more wind farms to help reduce the reliance on atmospheric polluting coal fired power stations for our electricity.

The companies in ownership of the local wind towers are very generous in supporting local sporting organizations, recreation reserves, halls etc. This has resulted in improvements to amenities and sporting equipment that would never have taken place. The local populations are extremely grateful for this.

The advent of wind farms established in our area has been very positive with absolutely no adverse side effects.

It is essential that progress takes place and the very vocal minority opposing progress be it wind farms or anything else should not be allowed to disrupt future progress for the majority.

We look forward to future developments in our area.

Yours Sincerely,

David Rowbottom