

To the officers in charge of the senate wind farm enquiry.

I am in favour of wind farms for many, many reasons.

In 1976 our science curriculum at secondary school taught us of the possibility of global warming and some of the implications for the world.

The entire reputable science community is asking us to act to rein in greenhouse gas emissions. We as a community continue to increase our emissions. The reasons for this are many, not the least of which is the status quo of large polluting companies making large amounts of money and wanting to continue to do so.

We are seeing increasing extreme weather events, unprecedented levels of flooding, heat, rainfall, cyclone numbers and intensities all around the globe.

It is time to increase renewable energy in our country, not make it more difficult to construct.

During this enquiry, is anyone looking into the other options for power generation. Coal isn't just a huge greenhouse gas polluter but it also consumes great volumes of water, emits huge amounts of other pollutants including mercury which pervades our whole food chain and eventually we ingest it via fish and other parts of our diet.

Wind farms are a much better alternative.

I am a proud owner of shares in the Hepburn Community Wind Farm, which is part of the solution, not the problem.

Yours truly,

Peter Stafford