

Dear Senate Inquiry,

As a concerned member of the public I wish to offer my strong opinion that Australia needs to be supporting in all ways possible a transition to sustainable energy production.

Rural Wind Farms are a clear example of using nature's force to make electricity. Australia needs to be moving towards more solar energy and all forms of more permanent electricity generation.

In my frustration with government inertia on this crucial issue, I want to state my full support for any move in this direction.

Personally I have invested in the Hepburn Wind generation project as this is a clear way to 'put my money where my mouth is'. Apart from that I suspect it will be a good economic investment.

In addition I regularly donate to organisations around the world which are supporting sustainable electricity generation (e.g. SolarAid providing clean electricity to African villages).

Surely Australia should be jumping to the forefront of sustainable electricity generation - we are holding back when we could be leading the world. It is a bit area for the creation of jobs and development of technology which is surely the direction the world needs to go.

We will be left behind otherwise.

I strongly encourage any government support for wind farms and other alternative electricity generation - for a clean world, and for social justice and for economic development.

Yours sincerely,
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