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Dear Senator Fielding,

Senate Inquiry into Wind Farms

Wind farms have been a part of the Portland community for the past 10 years and I hope that more projects take place in the future so that I can keep my job at Keppel Prince.

I have worked for Keppel Prince for 18 years and have worked on the wind tower assembly line for the past 10 years. I have trained many people to work on the wind tower assembly line and these people have learnt a lot of new skills that will benefit them into the future.

I think the wind generators blend in well with the local scenery and that the green energy that they produce is very good for the environment.

To give you an example of how quite they are, you need to turn off your car engine and wind the windows down in order to hear the wind generators. This is when you are parked up close and practically underneath them. I have stood underneath them when they are running and think they are very quite.

I hope that your Senate Inquiry can find a way to make wind farms a feature of the Australian landscape.

Yours Faithfully

Des Bowman

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