

Rural Wind Farms.

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments on Wind farm development. Together with my husband and son, I farm 2000 hectares in the Coolah Valley. We run a breeding herd of Angus cows and grow a small number of hectares of grain crops. Our country runs from river flats to high gorge and plain country. It is of course the high open country that has been identified as prime wind farm area. We are fully involved in the possible development of this industry and are in complete agreement with all aspects of the industry.

The benefits to us personally will be a fully formed road giving all weather, all vehicle access to areas of our property which do not have that luxury at present. The financial benefit to host farms has been well documented, and the situation of our turbines is such that there will be a minimal intrusion on the landscape, for the general public. Not that I am adverse to the sight of the turbines.

The benefits to a small country town will be large as well. Employment of some workers will take place during construction as well as continuing maintenance. All wind farm companies make community donations, be it for sporting facilities or for the youth of the town, all funds will be gratefully received.

The benefits to the country and the planets are immeasurable. The need for renewable energy sources is long overdue and need immediate action to reduce carbon pollution. We personal have had a solar hot water system for nearly 30 years on our home and feel that we have made an attempt to address electricity consumption, but it has not become critical that all Australian do like wise.

We embrace to opportunity to supply wind energy power to other Australians who are not able to make such a contribution. I consider it is my privilege to be making such a useful and generous contribution to the fight against carbon pollution.

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