

April 5th, 2011

Senate Wind Farm Inquiry

Community Affairs References Committee,

Parliament House, Canberra 2600

Dear Clerk of the Senate,

I am deeply concerned about the development and the proposed developments of Wind Turbines Farms in Australia. In particular in the areas across the Great Dividing Range, and the Southern Tablelands of NSW. I envisage that the proposed wind turbine farms will have far reaching environmental liabilities.

I believe that fellow Australians would be mortified to have our natural pristine country subjected to the installation of thousands of 200 meter tall steel structures and the associated infrastructure. The impact on the natural environment would be catastrophic. I, family and friends love and enjoy our unique Australian countryside, in particular here in Rugby NSW. We want it to be there for all Australians and the rest of the world in pristine condition for the future generations to be able to see and appreciate.

I am immensely moved by the recent personal submissions in relation to the various health problems and issues that landholders hosting existing wind turbine farms and neighbouring people are experiencing. I am fearful for the wellbeing of my neighbours that would be affected by such proposed wind farm developments. These are legitimate human concerns and we have a duty of care to take appropriate action to attend to very serious issues that are having profound consequences to our fellow Australians.

My position is that I support sound scientific solutions. **Research on wind power is that it fails to deliver the goods. I mean that wind energy is not a technically legitimate solution for our grid, or to meaningfully reduce CO₂. It is not a commercially viable source of energy on its own and is not environmentally responsible. I am not against global warming or renewable energy or economic incentives. I am only against proposals that don't make good scientific sense. Wind power does not full fill our intensions (i.e., it does not produce reliable energy, produce energy**

economically, reduce dependence on oil, replace conventional power plants, significantly reduce CO2 emissions, generate jobs,)

We must properly evaluate the legitimacy of any proposed new alternative source of energy and that includes wind power.

For the good of all Australians and our entire environment, we must have a moratorium on Wind Farm Developments.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr Tony Foti

