

Dear Sir

Subject: Inquiry into the Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms

I have been working with the Wind Turbine Industry for 2 years in Administration.

The role involves being on a wind farm in regional South Australia, 8hours a day, 5 days per week, performing administrative tasks. I make Monthly trips to 3 other Sites in rural SA. I absolutely love my job and I am very happy to be involved in this industry. The Turbines have never affected my health in the whole 2 years I have been working around them. I personally feel, a lot of the negativity comes from landowners missing out on turbine location, whilst their neighbours are lucky enough to receive the royalties.

The wind industry has given me the chance to work close to home in a secure job, which involves constant training and provides opportunities for the future. As a single mother it has allowed me to buy my First Home for my son and I.

The social and economic impact of the wind farms in my region have therefore all been very positive. I was un-employed in a small country town for 3 months before gaining employment with this industry. I believe the wind farm has been very beneficial for the small country towns, in the Hallett and surrounding regions. Rental properties, construction supplies, hotels, supermarkets and various other businesses have reaped the financial gain from these employees working on Sites. It has given locals the opportunities to work closer to home and earn a good wage. I have grown up in this small country town and a large majority of the locals are very friendly towards the wind farm workers and accept them into the community, the community is not divided as some claim the towns to be.

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