

Submission to the 'Communities Affairs Reference committee' 10/02/2011

The Friends committee of the Great South West Walk was and still is a fairly representative cross section of the local community, in that we have had a range of opinions regarding the wind energy project. This had the potential to fracture the group, so the general consensus was to neither be proactive or reactive.

Since Pacific Hydro has been established in the Glenelg Shire we have found them to be a very good corporate citizen by being prepared to financially support many local community groups via their Community Grants Scheme.

We have been the successful recipients of two grants which have allowed us to erect shelters and replacement toilets at two of our walker's campsites. We have also been a third party to successful negotiations between Pacific Hydro and Parks Victoria regarding the relocation of the Mallee Camp, made necessary as a result of a wind tower being erected too close to this camp.

In all of our dealings with Pacific Hydro we have always found them very courteous, obliging and efficient.

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