

# Windfarms - not even a necessary evil.

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As a technologically aware scientist/engineer, I am extremely concerned that the aggressive and powerful wind lobby has maintained its relentless drive to bulldoze governing bodies and divide communities.

In spite of continuous community opposition plus improvement in other renewable sources of energy, especially photovoltaic technology, unreliable, unpredictable, outmoded and inefficient wind farms appear to be increasing. This has been a prime contributor to recent high increases in power costs. There is also a disincentive for households achieving self-sufficiency, in order to maintain a reliance on power generating infrastructure with the attendant profit motives in conflict with providing an adequate level of service.

In addition, our country's support of visionary cutting-edge technologies, such as nuclear fusion, are non-existent.

The facts against wind-farms are globally consistent, with communities world-wide facing the same impositions and hardships with visual and noise pollution and plummeting property values. In addition to the need for stand-by coal-generated power because of the unpredictability of wind, makes this an exceedingly expensive alternative. In fact, there is reasonable doubt wind-power saves any greenhouse emissions at all because of stand-by coal power generation requirement.

As a result, I am afraid we will be judged by future generations to have "tinkered at the edges" when faced with obvious and dramatic evidence of the effects of climate change. However, this likelihood does not deter those with only a very short-term view of "ticking the box", as exemplified by wind-power. To a greater or lesser degree, we are all being affected by climate change now and this will only increase in the following decades.

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