

Please accept this submission to the Senate enquiry into the impacts of wind farms.

- Renewables (and wind in particular) are an essential part of our response to climate change, and the Senate Committee should not propose provisions that would make the development of this industry more difficult or onerous.
- Current research and scientific investigations have found that there are no adverse health effects for people living in close proximity to wind farms.
- Research conducted on modern wind turbines has shown that the levels of low frequency noise and infrasound are within accepted thresholds.
- Studies have found no statistical evidence that wind farms reduce property values.
- The employment benefits are substantial and widely spread across regions, and provide considerable opportunities for individuals and communities where they are located, including the land owners who host turbines.
- Wind represents a clean, safe source of power that will never run out. In making the transition away from polluting coal, wind will help clean up our air, water systems and improve the health of our communities.
- Evidence from overseas is now showing that the installation of wind is dropping wholesale power prices. We need to invest further in wind power to manage rising energy prices.
- Wind farms are widely supported in the community.

Sincerely,
Steve Phillips