

To whom it may concern

Australia cannot afford to stay in the past with dirty, dangerous, methods of producing power, while ignoring the obvious advances made in other advanced countries like Germany and USA . Just because we have a lot of coal, we do not have to stay in the DARK AGES of power production.

The Clean Green industries that spring up around the building and maintenance of wind farms are much more attractive than sending our children down coal mines to risk their lives and their health, let alone the social cost of the endless travel and long shifts around the clock which this industry demands.

All the easy coal is gone. New digs will come at a high human and environmental cost. Already there is conflict between the need for food producing land and dirty big holes in the ground to feed the coal industries coffers. Leave the coal where it is until cleaner technology is available to use it, and safer methods are available to mine it....if ever.

Land is not destroyed by wind power. Lives are not lost to wind power. Environments are not sacrificed to wind power. Cancer is not caused by wind power.

Wind power is just the beginning, not the end of the many and varied greener, cleaner, healthier, socially acceptable, and more attractive sources of power in the future.

Coal is the Past. Leave it buried.

- 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 actually 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

Thank you for your time,

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