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To Whom It May Concern:

I have worked for a Wind Farm development company for the last six years. In this time I have had lots of contact with landowners with either developed Wind Farms on site or with proposed wind farms earmarked for their land. In my experience, all of these landowners have been nothing but positive about the developments, with complaints arising from those of neighboring properties only who are not stakeholders.

From an environmental perspective, I feel that there is little question that greener energy such as wind power will have a positive impact on emissions. Australia is fortunate to have the resources to support this type of sustainable energy and to ignore this would be damaging. A few years ago we had to source experienced wind engineers from overseas; now universities provide relevant and specific courses aimed at the wind industry. If wind development 'dies' these trained and skills Australian workers will move overseas to where there is a more vibrant industry. Indeed, many students will choose to study overseas rather than remain in Australia where the opportunities are not there. This will be nothing but a waste of talent and skill

On a personal note, without such developments I would not have a job. This is not just a job to me, but an aspect of my life that I am proud of. I work with inspiring people, passionate about making Australia more sustainable. I look on wind farms in a positive light and I enjoy talking to my children about who I work for and what wind farms are doing for the environment. I have no concerns that there are any negative effects of these developments.

Regards,