

I make the following submission in relation to the senate enquiry into The Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms.

In response to the terms of reference.

(a) Any adverse health effects for people living in close proximity to wind farms;

I have never experienced any adverse health effects directly related to wind farms.

(d) The interface between Commonwealth, state and local planning laws as they pertain to wind farms; and

I find the different planning requirements in each state confusing. Some states have a relatively straight forward system, others require an immense amount of upfront work (\$) to be committed prior to a project getting full financial approval to proceed. Others are restrictive and do not allow any changes, even if they are sympathetic to the environment and landholder wishes.

(e) Any other relevant matters.

Living in regional Victoria (Portland), Wind farms have given me an opportunity to embark on a career in Project Management for global organisations and to learn about wind farms and advance my career. For 5+ years I have worked hard and staked my future on this industry. I am now in a position where I can employ staff. I can share my knowledge and provide opportunities for others.

I contributed to the regional economy by spending 6 years in a regional centre, raising family, working hard and making long lasting friendships. It is the nature of business in Australia, that my work has required me to move to a capital city to pursue career opportunities.

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