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I wish to make a submission to the Senate Inquiry into the Social and Economic Impact of rural wind farms. I have stood close to wind turbines operating and found the gentle whoosing noise quite soothing. I have also seen animals grazing unperturbed underneath the turning blades. I have been in homes near busy roads or railway lines and found the noise far greater but the residents there did not notice the noise.

How long can we delay implementation of alternative energy sources? Shall we end up with endless talking and inquiries and 'fiddle while the earth burns'?

As far as health effects of wind farms, the effects of burning coal are far more deleterious to all life and to the environment.

I am a lover of nature and the environment but I find wind turbines a pleasant addition to the landscape and notice that where such farms exist, they seem to be an attraction rather than a detraction.

Yours sincerely,
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