

To whom it may concern,

Re: Inquiry into the 'Social and economic impact of rural wind farms'

Submission by Dr Caroline Cook, Veterinarian

Wind farms are an essential part of Australia moving forward to tackle the single biggest threat to the human race..climate change.

The wind industry stands to promote employment opportunities far greater than the existing coal powered energy sector.

In addition Australia has an obligation to ensure we remain competitive with the rest of the world as fossil fuels run out. We have no choice to act now on increasing our investment in renewable energies.

There should be studies done to ascertain whether wind farms do have any significant health impacts on locals, and if so, relocation packages would need to be devised to allow these people to make a new start.

This needs to be done in consultation with locals, but not to the detriment of the wind industry.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Caroline Cook