

Dear Senate Enquiry Chair.

I write to you imploring you to assess, evaluate and review the benefits of wind farm technology.

The reasons are listed below;

1 Education

Many rural towns and industries are hurting as we grapple with the problems of globalisation and climate change. Therefore the provision of wind farms frees up the opportunity for farmers to be more self efficient and to gain education on wind farms as a sustainable practice.

It also allows youth in these rural towns to seek alternate learning options. This is no more evident than in Tasmanian rural towns which have seen sawmills close.

2 Environment

It is high time the government took action on improving the access to alternate power sources in rural areas especially in the Victorian fringe where wind power is an untapped resource. An pilot example is already in place near Warnambool.

3 Best Practice- Schleswig Holstein in Germany and all over Denmark illustrates perfect examples of where wind farms have aided rural communities.

4 Aesthetics- Nothing looks better at illustrating hope for the future than seeing the moving blades of wind turbines. It provides a positive energy showcasing that the government has done something positive to assist future generations in accordance with Climate Change and precautionary principles.

5 Global benchmarking- Australia has many pockets of windy areas which we can tap into to aid our global competitiveness. Such savings are paramount to ensure we can compete with the likes of China which has cheap labour costs and also produces most of the worlds solar cells.

6 Moral Obligation- Australia is one of the largest exporters of climate change through its hungry desire to export to China and other Asian economies such as India. We are exporting the problems therefore we have an obligation to do what is right as a civil democracy to showcase what should be done for future generations.

7 Legal Obligation- to provide a framework for planning and sustainability is to meet legal obligations of Duty of Care. The Australian Government has a Duty of Care to ensure that its citizens especially those in rural areas have alternate employment opportunities and not be required to re locate to the cities.

8 No alternate option- wind power and the siting of wind farms in rural areas has the ability to reduce the length of power transmission lines to rural towns.

9 Noise pollution- The issue of noise pollution while an argument which is of a social concern. Noise levels are commensurate with other power sources such as truck movements and other energy options.

10 Unsightly- The option to have blades painted in alternate colours or with advertising would reduce the argument of unsightly wind farms. To take no action is more disastrous than to try to argue the point on case by case scenarios as it is a national imperative that alternate energy sources are provided.

11 Option to make rural farmers seek an alternate wage. - Currently large parcels of land are being bought up by overseas interest in the realm of securing future food and land shortages overseas. Australia needs to provide wind farms as a means to securing these lands which complement current wage earning capacities.

It is time we move forward and live off the wind farm back and move from the 19th century sheeps back mentality.

Regards
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