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Dear Sir,

My history ,very briefly, is that I have been researching wind energy and the wind industry in general, for over 10 years. I have shared the results of my research with communities all over Scotland and indeed in England as well, frequently working with Professor David Bellamy. In addition I have given presentations to Scottish Ministers and have also given evidence at numerous public inquiries and hearings.

The main purpose of wind energy is to reduce our dependency on fossil fuels but ironically the opposite is the case. The more wind farms that are built the more there is a need to maintain, and in fact build even more, fossil-fuelled power stations. This is due quite simply to the intermittency of output from wind turbines. Germany has some 25,000 wind turbines yet is constructing new gas-fired and coal-fired power stations. There are no records anywhere in the world of any carbon dioxide savings as a result of building wind farms. The wind industry in the UK would not be in existence if it wasn't for the huge subsidies that the consumers have to pay. These subsidies (in the UK) amount to over £1 billion per annum.

It would be fair to say that the people who support wind farms fall into 2 categories, those who have a vested interest and those who know nothing about them. Most members of the public and most of our politicians fall into the latter category.

I strongly recommend 'the Wind Farm Scam' written by Dr John Etherington, to everyone in Australia.

Yours faithfully

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