

As a person living in a rural area, I write in support of wind farms. I would be proud to drive home each day and see wind turbines in the area where I live, providing clean energy in this country of ours that currently produces one of the highest per capita carbon emissions in the world.

As an Australian citizen, I write in support of the development of wind farms both onshore and offshore as I am embarrassed by Australia's pathetic collective investment in renewable energy compared to other countries such as Denmark.

As a mother of four children, I implore the committee to give every support possible not only to the development of wind farms but to all other development efforts in renewable energy. When I consider my children's future, nothing concerns me more than the impacts of climate change. Imagine the floods, cyclones, heatwaves, bushfires and droughts experienced only in the last few years becoming more regular and more severe. Of even greater consideration is the social impacts that these disasters will have on communities. These social impacts are of far greater concern than the potential impacts on communities as hypothesised by those opposed to wind farms.

It is our moral duty to do everything we can to bring Australia's emissions to a minimum. Wind farms should be an easy first step.