Rural wind farms are divisive for communities, and create huge social problems. Their impact, which can be seen and felt for many kilometres means that many landholders are affected, even though they do not receive any financial gain from the wind farms. The benefits of wind farms in providing green energy have not been established adequately to justify the detriment they cause to the rural communities. I would prefer that the subsidies received by wind power companies be used for solar panels for every householder – living in both cities and the country – rather than imposing these thumping eyesores on rural communities.