

My views on wind farms are strong.

We must concentrate on renewable energy and wind in particular as essential to our response to the degradation of our environment through pollution caused by greenhouse gases, formed in the production of power using coal. For this reason the Senate Committee must make provisions that will make the development of this industry easier and more efficient.

Wind power is clean, safe and sustainable. It is becoming clear overseas that wind power is actually lowering wholesale prices of power. Our vast areas of land in this country lend themselves so brilliantly to windfarms that it should be much more widely used.

Recent research has revealed that there are no adverse health effects for people living close to windfarms and modern turbines produce low frequency noise within accepted levels.

We must keep developing and improving wind power.

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