

Submission To The Senate Inquiry into “The Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms”.

Human induced contribution to climate change is accepted as a reality by the vast majority of climate scientists world wide.

Solar and wind energy are pollution free sources of electricity, now available, and wind energy is the cheapest form of alternative energy.

In spite of claimed deleterious effects of wind farms, there is to date no credible scientific evidence linking wind farms with adverse health effects. (N.H.M.R.C. -- -Public Statement on Wind Turbines and Health). Further, ”Research by Adelaide Consultancy, Sonus, has recently shown that low frequency noise levels at the beach and in The C.B.D. are typically higher than near wind farms.” (Hepburn Wind)

In The 21st century, whilst we may listen to isolated anecdotes, our judgements on the value and safety of wind farms must be evidence based. For this reason we must heed the advice of experts.

We care deeply for the future of our planet Earth, the only home we all share, and for the future of our grandchildren. That is why we have invested in solar hot water, solar electricity panels and why we have invested in The Hepburn Wind Farm.

It is in the world’s interest that The Hepburn Wind Farm is the first of many community wind farms in Australia.

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