

Dear committee

I should first clarify that I write in my capacity as an individual Councillor, since Yarra City Council has no formal resolution in favour of wind farms. We do, however, have many residents who are very concerned about our ongoing reliance on coal as an energy source, and its climate change impacts. With the support of all Councillors we have set up an Energy Foundation which aims to assist residents and businesses in Yarra to become more energy-efficient and to generate energy locally, and in general we hope there will be a shift away from fossil fuels towards renewable energy.

I am therefore very concerned to hear that the Senate Committee may be considering proposals to make the development of wind farms more difficult than is necessary or desirable, and felt that Yarra residents would want me to express that concern.

Yours sincerely,

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