

I am writing in support of wind farms.

Our home is located about 1 km from the proposed Hepburn Wind Farm and I have absolutely no problem with it whatsoever. On the contrary, I think it is time that Australia took responsibility for its power needs in an environmentally friendly way.

We have become shareholders in the Hepburn Wind Farm and have also purchased shares on behalf of our two young children. We have done this because we believe it is important to show our children that we are doing our part to ensure a clean and healthy environment for their future. Our own home is self-sufficient in power - we have a stand-alone solar power system. In our small way we are trying to reduce carbon emissions and the use of fossil fuels and feel that it is time for the government to show some leadership on this issue and draft policies that will also support renewable energy.

I have no time or patience for the "doom-sayers" who believe there are health problems associated with wind turbines. There is NO scientific evidence to support this view and one only has to visit a modern wind farm to realise that the wind noise is minimal. Many of these people who protest against wind turbines live on busy roads which are far noisier! I also ask these people, where do you propose to source your electricity? What is your alternative? Coal? Nuclear? Would they prefer to live near a coal or nuclear power plant?

The whole issue to me is a no-brainer and it makes me angry that people are scaremongering and pedalling false information. This is the future of our children that we are talking about. We must do something NOW to make the future better, safer, cleaner and more sustainable for them.

Thank you
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