

Friends,

I am concerned that our government is not doing enough to support alternative forms of power other than consideration of carbon pricing. Renewable energy has to be the way for the future.

I am writing in support of wind farms, because I believe opposition to these is irrational.

Research must compare the effects of wind farms with the effects of other forms of energy production and even with effects of living near other necessary things such as hospitals. Renewable energy is necessary and the population must make some sacrifices for it, while gaining from job creation and investment in the community. The low frequency sound from wind turbines is within acceptable thresholds.

Hepburn Shire found 95% support from the community and European wind farms are empowering local communities to move to a pollution free future.

The Senate Committee will be aware that Australia has strict planning controls already and further restriction will limit our ability to respond to a deteriorating environment.

Yours very sincerely,
Janet Souter,