

My name is Wayne MARSH and I am 56 years years old and live on a small rural property just out of Portland in Western Victoria.

I have lived here in Portland since February 1987 and have seen the town develop and prosper in that time and enjoy living here.

I would not describe myself as a "greenie" by any stretch of the imagination but believe that if we are to pursue alternative forms of energy we need to be serious about it and from my experience

a lot of people want alternative forms of energy but utilise the "NIMBY" attitude and don't want them in their back yard.

I for one don't have a problem with Wind Turbines being located near Portland, I have visited their locations on numerous occasions and have walked sections of The Great South West Walk

where they are in extremely close proximity. I cannot believe that there is a problem with noise emissions from these turbines and from my experience it is no worse than the coastal winds that

prevail in our part of the State.

I would not have a problem if a turbine or turbines were on my property.

I strongly believe that most people that live in and around Portland realise the importance of alternative forms of energy and the spin-offs for Portland in the construction of the wind turbine towers

by local industry, I do not believe there is legitimate proof that wind turbines are injurious to health and believe that persons that make such claims are after compensation and or attention.

regards

Wayne MARSH