

Monday, 7 February 2011

Senator Rachel Siewert
Senate Community Affairs Committee
Department of the Senate
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Siewert

The Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms

I have recently been involved in the successful permitting of a fifty three turbine wind farm development at Nilgen near Lancelin in Western Australia. Prior to submitting the request for planning approval with the local Gingin Shire we undertook a community consultation process.

As we spoke with the broader local community it became apparent that the residents of the rural residential development at Ocean Farm, directly opposite the proposed wind farm site, were the key stakeholders.

At Ocean Farm we found a lively community who were informed and understanding. I have attached the Ocean Farm Community and Recreation Association Inc. "Declaration of Support" that they provided to the local council for your information.

Regards,

Matthew Rosser
Managing Director
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