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Department of the Senate
Community Affairs Committee
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to register my support for the wind farm industry. I have lived in Portland all my life and have seen that the wind farms have been good for the community, providing both local jobs and clean, green energy that reduces our reliance on fossil fuels. I have been employed at Keppel Prince Engineering for a total of 18 years and in that time have had stints in manufacturing components for the wind towers.

I have visited the wind farms and have not found them to be very noisy and I find it hard to fathom how they could affect anyone negatively.

I have observed farm animals in and around the wind farms and they seem to be very relaxed. Also birds seem to co-exist happily side by side with the wind towers. Talk of wind farms adversely affecting wildlife seems to be hysteria created by those opposed to wind farms.

I live in a community where wind farms are present and I believe the vast majority of people are happy with them. A handful of people thought they were an eyesore in the early days but they have gotten over it now.

Wind farms are certainly a much better option than other alternatives such as nuclear power.

Sincerely,

Martin Logan