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To the Chair Person
Senate Enquiry into the Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms

I am John Gleeson, the owner of Hip Pocket Workwear and Safety (Ballarat) and I would like to make a submission to the enquiry.

Acciona Energy is a major customer of our business and I have had ongoing interaction with the company during the two and a half years that I have been operating the business. Acciona Energy purchases all their uniform and personal protective equipment (PPE) from my business and has contributed to its growth and success through their willingness to purchase locally.

All the staff at Acciona's Australian Warehouse here in Ballarat are local residents and a majority of the staff operating the Waubra Wind Farm are from Ballarat and the surrounding area. These jobs generated by Acciona contribute to the overall wellbeing of the local community. Acciona employees live and raise their families here and the flow on effect of income and good families enriches all our lives.

I have seen firsthand Acciona's willingness to engage with the Waubra Community and contribute through sponsorships to local sporting clubs and events. From my perspective it is quite evident that Acciona takes its responsibilities as a good corporate citizen most seriously and carries those responsibilities out as a matter of professional pride.

I will leave it to others to debate the more controversial aspects of wind farming. For my part I would like to make the point that a company and an industry can be judged to a large extent by its people and its behavior with those it interacts with. I have found Acciona Energy to be an exemplary company to do business with. The company's business practices from ordering through to payment of accounts have always been first class. The personal interaction of all the staff I have met have been professional and have always ensured that all aspects of our relationship have been attended to.

Yours Sincerely

John Gleeson | HIP POCKET WORKWEAR AND SAFETY BALLARAT |