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Dear Senator Fielding,

Senate Inquiry into Wind Farms

Thankyou for giving me the opportunity to put in writing my thoughts about wind farms and what it means to my family and my local community.

I have worked for Keppel Prince for the past 10 years and have worked on the wind tower assembly line for the past 9 years. My job is relatively secure (as long as we have projects in the pipeline) and provides my family with a good income. If it wasn't for the wind towers, I might be seeking work elsewhere (away from Portland).

During my time at Keppel Prince, I have trained up several people to weld the sections of plate steel together to form a wind tower. A lot of these people started as unskilled workers and they have learnt new skills on the job. Keppel Prince is the second biggest employer in Portland and provides jobs for approx 450 people.

Another reason why I like my job is because I feel that wind farms make a healthy contribution to the environment and provide clean and green electricity. I know plenty of people who live near the wind farms and they do not have any problems with noise, vibration and adverse health issues.

My livelihood depends upon wind farms and I hope your Senate Inquiry takes this into account.

Yours Truly

Matthew Malseed

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