

Hello,

I wish to provide a submission on my views on Wind Farms in response to the current Senate Enquiry.

I currently work for a renewable energy company so am exposed to a variety of renewable energy technologies. My experience with wind turbines has been entirely positive. Below are a number of reasons why I support renewable energy and wind farms.

- The placement of turbines on farmers land has enabled many farmers to stay on their land during otherwise dire times due to the rental payment for use of their land.
- Wind energy projects provide job opportunities for the local community, especially during construction.
- Community groups benefit from funding through the community funds.
- The amount of greenhouse gases abated is
- The turbines are a compliment to the landscape and it's amazing to think that these lovely machines are producing clean energy.
- Wind turbines do not produce emissions like coal does.
- The farm animals are not affected by the turbines and don't seem to care. The only issue has been having to put a fence around the external transformer to stop the cows rubbing against them - which actually goes to show that they are not bothered at all.
- Many communities have experienced a surge in tourism which, in turn, brings prosperity to the comminties.

Thank you
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