

Dear Sir-

I write this submission in favour of wind farms.

As a resident of Ararat which is located in close proximity of a wind farm, I have seen nothing but major benefits to the local economy. These benefits include employment- whilst the turbines were being built and the associated infrastructure thru to on-going maintenance of the existing turbines presently and into the future.

Any alternate power source that takes our reliance off fossil fuels has to have long term environmental advantages.

I have lived in Ararat for many years and I have not heard of any adverse health issues from anyone in the local community.

Pacific Hydro is the company that manages the local wind farm- is an important organisation within the local township- it offers grants/sponsorship on a regular basis and gives local environmental groups, health and welfare groups and local sporting and recreation clubs the opportunity to improve facilities and offer a wide range of services to the Ararat and surrounding communities.

I have a clear view of the turbines from my front verandah and they certainly do not diminish from the view of the surrounding hills.

Having wind farms nearby certainly has not harmed our quality of life and from the general consensus in this area has enhanced it.

I hope this helps

Regards

Gary Cunningham