

Owners submission in support of Pacific Hydro's Wind farm at Cape  
Bridgewater via Portland

I, DOUGLASS CAHILL, Land owner Blow Holes Road, Cape Bridgewater, hereby state as follows:

1. That I have been involved with the Wind farm project since its inception.
2. That the operation conducted by Pacific Hydro is to the highest standard in respect of land owner consultation and wind farm management.
3. Pacific Hydro's attention to detail, including land reclamation and overall administration of its Wind farm project is at the highest level.

In relation to "social and economic impact of rural wind farms" I say:

- (a) that I have not experienced or been advised of any adverse health effects for people living in close proximity to the wind farm.
- (b) i have not been advised of any concerns as to "excessive noise and vibrations emitted by the wind farm which are in close proximity to peoples homes". In fact one would have to be within 200 metres of a wind tower on a high wind day to even hear the wind tower.
- (c) there is little evidence of any impact of the wind farms on property values, noting that the farmer can continue to carry out his farming activities on the same land occupied by the wind farm, and I am not aware of any sales in the immediate district which have been adversely affected by the wind towers.

The interface between the Commonwealth, State and Local planning laws pertaining to wind farms appears to be governed by the political climate in the area affected. Noting that the Cape Bridgewater wind farm had an 83% approval rating in the Glenelg Shire.

It is my opinion that wind farms have enhanced property values given the fact that they occupy costal dune areas which are poor, low agricultural value land, thereby giving rise to a good return for those particular areas.

I have no hesitation in recommending Pacific Hydro and its management team.

Should you have any queries kindly contact me at this office.

Yours faithfully  
CAHILLS.

Per: Douglass Cahill – Land owner