

Senate Inquiry – The Social and Economic Impact of Rural Wind Farms

I make this submission in support of wind farms and the social and economic benefit that they provide to rural communities.

I am a resident of the Moyne Shire which is home for a vast majority of all wind farms (constructed/ under construction and in planning) in Victoria.

I am a Moyne Shire Councillor (Mayor 2010) and have been involved in local government for over 15 years, I am an accountant FCPA and run my own accounting practice in Port Fairy. I ran as an independent candidate at the Federal and State election and received 12% of the vote at the latter election. During my election campaign I visited every business and doorknocked many thousands of homes in this region.

This year is the 10th anniversary of the first wind farm in this region at Codrington (Pacific Hydro) & I can confirm that the community are very supportive of this project and to my knowledge there has not been one reported incident or complaint of noise, health or other issue with this wind farm. During that time many local communities and tradesman have benefited from this project.

As a community member, councillor and as an independent candidate I can confirm that this community strongly support wind farm developments for their social and economic benefit to their communities.