

I would like to add my support in favour of the further introduction of wind farms. I have visited the Waubra wind farm in my area and was actually surprised at the lack of noise and vibration from such a large structure. I appreciate there may be some health concerns in relation to these structures although there are many people living near them who have no problems whatsoever. From an aesthetic point of view I think they actually enhance the view of what are otherwise denuded hills in the area.

To overcome some of the debate on this issue I think much more investment in offshore windfarms need to occur in Australia which has a vast coastline along which most of the population resides. The farms could then be located relatively close to the energy users but just far enough to be over the horizon (the towers do not need to be so high when at sea level) Also, more investment in means of energy storage (eg. current hydro, flywheel, molten salt etc.) to alleviate the issues of base load supply will address the necessarily inconsistent supply of both wind and solar systems.

We do have the capability to become independent of the heavily subsidized and far more unhealthy fossil fuel sector if we really want to.

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