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The House of Representatives Standing  
Committee on Industry and Resources  
Department of the House of Representatives  
The Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600  
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Dear Sirs,

**Inquiry into the development of the non-fossil fuel energy industry in Australia**

We understand your Standing Committee is investigating the merits of renewable energy in Australia and finalising the *National Code for Wind Farms – A Discussion Paper* (May 2006). A national code is urgently required to impose more stringent standards on wind farm operators seeking to place large industrial developments in small rural communities.

We own land joining the proposed **Oaklands Hill Wind Farm site at Glenthompson, Victoria**. Since the proposal was announced earlier this year, our lives and that of our neighbours has changed due to the uncertainty and personal stress the proposal has placed upon us ..

The Oakland Hills Wind Farm proposal has affected us in the following ways:

- The uncertainty of not knowing if we will be living near to an industrial wind development is causing us personal stress and anxiety. We do not want noisy and ugly giant wind turbines outside our door which will negatively impact our business;
- We are worried that the proposed power line that will run the length of our property will interfere with our established plantation and landcare programs;
- We are upset that the proponent has offered a 'community fund' to the town which has compromised people's ability to think free, independently and rationally about whether the proposal is in the best interests of our area;
- The proposal has thus already torn this community into two. Whether or not the proposal proceeds, we doubt if the differences between will ever heal;
- We are very concerned that if the proposal goes ahead, the equity in our property will drop due to the value of land decreasing near the proposed site.

I strongly urge your Standing Committee to give appropriate consideration to the social impacts of wind farm proposals. The social cost of wind farm developments has been disregarded in State and local regulations. One's quality of life should be given utmost priority in considering the development of renewable energy.

Yours faithfully,

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