

I do not live in the Walcha area, but come from a small coastal community 3 hrs away.

My wife and I regularly travel to the Walcha area, both for holidays and work.

We both come from a rural/farming background and have experienced first hand the decline of rural industries and the flow on effects to local towns.

I believe the proposed wind farm in the Walcha area would be of great benefit to this small regional town and to the state of N.S.W.

- Jobs will be created during construction employing locals and many from outside the area, bringing benefits to local businesses accomadition, cafes, shops, etc.
- On completion there will be on going staff required for operation and maintenance.
- Property owners where the wind turbine's are constructed will recieve yearly payments

to supplement incomes. Roads will be built to access the turbines which will help land owners access some of these remote areas.

- The injection of money into a community fund to help with community projects.
- The project will supply electricity into the state electricity grid at a time when some of the large coal fired power plants are closing.

In summary I feel there are many positive benefits of the Winterbourne Wind Farm going ahead in the Walcha region.

Yours Sincerely

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