

## Letter of Support for the Winterbourne Wind Farm (Proposal ID SSD-10471)

I strongly support the proposed Winterbourne Wind Farm Development. As a manager of a business in town this development will secure my job, colleagues' jobs and possibly create further employment within this business alone. Without identifying the type of business we are (as we do not want to be attacked by the anti-wind group) this business is successful when commodity prices are strong and seasons are promising. This business runs on the income of farmers and consequently when there is a drought in town our turnover diminishes; when there is a good season such as the previous 12 months, we prosper. This secures my job – I can pay the bills and not have to rely on Centrelink, my children have food on the table, my children see that their parents work which I would hope instils a good work ethic (as this is diminishing with the next generation) and my mental health is great as I know I have a job to go to and income to bring home.

The positive rippling effect this project could have on businesses in town is huge and the more disposable income the hosting farmers have the more they spend. Every business in town could benefit financially in the development stage – from cafes, pubs, hotels, motels, B&B'S, the tyre service shop, mechanics, newsagency, supermarkets; the list goes on and on. I don't think the anti-wind members understand how beneficial this could be for our small town. We have a Council that has been identified as being in financial crisis and we have a development knocking on our doorstep trying to inject some money and life back in this town. The successful wealthy farmers will stay rich and drive their land cruisers around town, but what about our youth – why don't we snatch this project up and give the youth of this town an opportunity to work in this renewable energy sector. This may create jobs on the project or allow a mechanic to put on an apprentice as they have an increase in car services, from the developer's motor vehicles. Maybe the butcher would put another apprentice on as they are thriving from all the extra meat they are selling to the cafes/pubs and restaurants. I just don't understand why the anti-wind group are so hell bent on stopping progress. We have been approached on numerous occasions to sign one of their anti-wind submissions and so many of us feel threatened to speak out that we do not oppose the project. If the 10-15 people that oppose this project win their battle, I really think they are doing an injustice to this lovely town.

I really hope this project gets off the grounds and once it does the town will realise just how good they have it.