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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Bango Wind Farm submission – supporting the development**

I am writing to express our strong support for Bango wind farm project. Wind power is an economically sound choice for our region, which has an abundance of open space and suitable locations to site wind turbines. Despite what the vocal minority against wind farms (normally when questioned support green energy of some format), wind energy holds none of the risks of pollution to air, soil and water that accompanies coal-fired or gas-fired electricity production.

As landowner involved in the Bango Wind Farm project, I have a lease agreement with the developers to put wind turbines, tracks and power lines on our land. This will provide a fixed annual income which can help to ride out the fluctuations in the farm prices of our produce, as well as the vagaries of drought and the “lean years” with which agriculture deals with.

A wind farm on our property would benefit us in the same way as many other farmers. We would have improved access to areas, as construction of wind towers are around hill tops, which can improve the farming capabilities, as well as provide access and fire breaks in the case of bushfires. Also having the extra income provide by the wind farms, we would be able to spend more time and money on rehabilitating damages areas or our property.

The benefits do not just sit with the involved landowners, either. There is also a contribution made by the developer to the local community, for local projects and initiatives, for the duration of the wind farm. Local roads are likely to be improved and maintained as well. Jobs will be created in the local area and country-wide should the industry be allowed to grow.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Burgess

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Landowner in the Bango Wind farm Development