



## Inquiry into rural wind farms

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

That General Purpose Standing Committee No 5 inquire into and report on the social, environmental and economic costs and benefits of rural wind farms, and in particular:

1. The role of utility-scale wind generation in:
  - a. reducing greenhouse gas emissions generated by electricity production
  - b. producing off peak and base load power
2. Locating rural wind farms to optimise wind resource use and minimise residential and environmental impacts
3. The impact of rural wind farms on property values
4. Mechanisms for encouraging local ownership and control of wind technology
5. The potential role of energy generated by rural wind farms in relation to the Australian Government's proposed Renewable Energy Target
6. Any other relevant matter.

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