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INQUIRY INTO RURAL WIND FARMS

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The Director

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I am one of the four graziers in western N.S.W., whom are involved in the Silverton wind farm, which has just been granted a licence for stage 1 of the largest wind farm in the southern hemisphere.

As a grazier, and obviously a local, and will be living very close to the wind farm I think the benefits will far outweigh the disadvantages.

Droughts, I think, are a direct result of climate change.

I have worked the land myself with my father for fifty seven years and have experienced many localised droughts over that time, but never Australia wide droughts that have spanned over a decade.

I feel something is very, very different, and we have to do something positive.

I think wind farms will benefit the local community, in the way of employment opportunities, upgraded roads, access, tourism, telecommunications, and in a multitude of other ongoing ways.

My impression of what the people locally think of the wind farm is very positive.

There are a very few people opposing the local wind farm (SWFD). However those who do, tend to write and be vocal, and those who support tend not to.

I feel that most landholders in NSW would be receptive to wind turbines on their land, as long they were well compensated.

Yours Sincerely