

Dear Sir/Madam

I cannot understand why the issue of wind energy is still being discussed as part of the solution to climate change.

Wind can never produce baseload power. It is at best an intermittent source of fluctuating power and we know that it requires the building of more coal fired power stations to run the turbines.

There are many problems with wind turbines including fires that cannot be put out, (rural fire hoses cannot reach the nacelles of 125 metre high turbines) bird, bat and insect kills. The fact that turbines require the destruction of remnant bushland and (as is the case with the capitol wind farm at Bungendore NSW). thousands of tonnes of concrete and steel with most turbines coming from India. There are also health issues with people living less than 2kms away from them. We know that the NSW government has many supporters (financial) within the wind industry, namely Babcock and Brown which donates hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to NSW state labour, and this is the only reason wind is still on the agenda. It is nothing to do with climate change. If it were we would be putting our resources into solar energy which now provides baseload power from two new solar thermal plants in Spain using Australian technology which is now lost to this so called clever country. Also the other energy resources that give baseload power and are benign on the environment.

Regards  
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