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The Committee Secretary
House of Representatives Standing Committee
On Industry and Resources
PO Box 6021
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

Inquiry into the development of Australia's non-fossil fuel energy industry: Case study into selected renewable energy sectors

Tarwin Valley Coastal Guardians welcome the opportunity to make a submission to this enquiry. TVCG have been actively involved since June 2002 in the development of wind energy facilities in Victoria and have gained valuable insights into a number of areas including:

- Landscape assessment and methodologies.
- Biodiversity impact studies and expert witness statements.
- Wind energy facility projected long term generation, greenhouse gas abatement and performance.
- Wind energy economics in terms of local job creation projections versus reality.
- Wind energy short term energy output prediction, intermittency and capacity to deliver at peak demand.
- Impact of wind energy facilities on near neighbours and other social impacts.

Members of TVCG were invited to present to the former Minister for the Environment, Senator Ian Campbell, during his round table "Towards a National Code for Planning for Wind Energy Facilities", an initiative that enjoyed unqualified support from all non-state government agencies involved in wind energy.

Mr Tim Le Roy, spokesperson for TVCG, has been invited to join the team working on the National Code initiative.

TVCG understands some non-government organisations have been offered the opportunity to present to the Committee on and would be delighted to share our expertise face-to-face with the Committee.

Yours faithfully,

Tarwin Valley Coastal Guardians.
(Signed original sent by post.)

SUBMISSION
John