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Submissions
Climate Change Authority
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Dear Sir/Madam,

REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL WIND FARM COMMISSIONER

Council wishes to support the ongoing appointment of a National Wind Farm Commissioner.

Moyne Shire Council is located in south-west Victoria, has four operational windfarms, 1 windfarm under construction and four windfarms with valid planning permits.

Council has met on several occasions since 2015 with the National Wind Farm Commissioner. In addition, communities and individuals in Moyne Shire have benefited from access to the services provided by the National Wind Farm Commissioner.

Benefits include:

- Getting a national perspective in relation to projects and regulatory frameworks.
- Providing Council input and knowledge into this pool.
- Having an independent advocate raise local issues with State Government.
- Provide an independent contact for our community who have wind farms built, approved or under construction close by.
- Providing a single point of contact for proponents and developers and to encourage dialogue between such companies.
- To present at community meetings on roles and responsibilities in relation to development.
- To encourage genuine community consultation by developers.
- To provide advice to Federal Government on emerging issues including health impacts, noise standards and transmission lines.

The Victorian Government Renewable Energy Target and resultant auction may mean that 4 or more windfarms that have permits are under construction at the same time. If this occurs this will be significant for Moyne Shire and its rural communities. Access to the National Wind Farm Commissioner at this time would be of benefit.

Should you have any queries or require further information, please contact Council on ☎ 5568 0555.

Yours sincerely,

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Michelle Grainger
Manager Planning

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