

State Development, Tourism, Innovation and Manufacturing Committee

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I write to support the Forest Wind Farm Development Bill 2020.

I support the construction of large-scale wind farms in all state forests, for the following reasons:

- The construction and operation of wind farms will mean jobs, jobs and more jobs!
- The climate science is clear:
 1. climate change is happening and is likely to become worse before it becomes better.
 2. climate change is having harmful effects on humans.
 3. climate change is caused by carbon emissions produced by burning fossil fuels including coal, gas and oil.
 4. we must transition to renewable energy sources.
 5. Queensland is ideally situated with abundant sources of both solar and wind energy.
- As a form of renewable energy, electricity produced by wind farms is consistent with achieving the Queensland government's 50% renewable energy target by 2030.
- Wind farms generate most of their electricity at night, when solar farms cease generating electricity - so wind farms perfectly compliment existing Queensland solar farms.
- The proposed Forest Wind farm/s will produce sufficient renewable energy to power approximately 25% of Queensland homes.
- The proposed Forest Wind farm/s will produce 100% renewable energy - and jobs - for decades to come.
- Wind farms within state forests will have nil or very minimal negative impacts on any private land owners.
- The number of trees removed to allow wind farm construction are only a minor fraction of the total forest tree numbers.
- The trees that are removed for construction can be processed into timber (as is the purpose of the forest).

I strongly support more wind and solar farms, both land-based and offshore wind farms.

Sincerely

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