

To The Honorable Mr. Ted Baillieu  
Premier of Victoria

Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Dear Mr Baillieu,

On behalf of the committee and members of the Mount Alexander Sustainability Group I wish to extend an invitation to you to attend a public presentation regarding the creation of a small scale community wind farm in the Mount Alexander Shire.

The public presentation will be chaired by the Mayor of Mount Alexander, Councillor Janet Cropley.

Inspired by the Premier's Sustainability Award winning community owned Hepburn Wind Farm in neighboring Hepburn Shire a committee of volunteers of the Mount Alexander Sustainability Group have been working on creating a similar initiative in the Mount Alexander Shire.

They understand the financial, social and environmental benefits that would occur with the creation of a small 4 to 8 MW (2 to 4 wind turbine) farm owned and controlled by local people. A small community owned wind farm could provide the power to run 4,000 houses and generate millions of dollars of investment and new jobs in the Mount Alexander Shire and would also enable members of our community to take real and positive action on climate change.

During the proposed public meeting members of our community wish to present to you the benefits that would be a result from the creation of a small scale community owned wind farm. With this information we hope that you will reconsider the ban on community wind farms in the eastern half of the Mount Alexander Shire.

We appreciate your busy schedule but consider this issue to be at a critical juncture and therefore respectfully request that you respond with your considered reply to this invitation at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to seeing you soon in Castlemaine.

Regards

Susie Burke. Co-chair Mount Alexander Sustainability Group