

My company manufactures wind monitoring masts specifically for the wind industry. We now have over 70 masts installed throughout Australia. Until we started manufacturing, all tubular wind monitoring masts were imported from America or England.

Capital investment - includes building of factory and specialised equipment.

Employment – Family members to date.

Turnover - \$250,000.00

Global reach – Have had enquiries from overseas but as yet have made no export sales.

Being involved in the manufacture and installation of monitoring masts has allowed me to gain a real grass roots feel of the wind industry. There is great interest and investment happening just on the wind monitoring side of things. This interest increased with the 2% MRET and I have no doubt would explode with an increase to 10%.

An increase to 10% would have far reaching positive impact on my business. I think a 10% target would create another permanent position in my business. My business is based in a rural town and most of the money is spent locally.

In the last few months I have noticed a slowing of interest in monitoring which I think is due to uncertainty in the future renewable targets.

I believe an increase of the MRET to 10% is needed to encourage the renewable electricity industry to continue expanding. If traditional generation methods were taxed on carbon emissions the cost of power would be much more than it is now.

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