

Hi everyone

My name is Tim Finn. I am a Mechanical Technician employed by GE at Bodangora Windfarm just outside Wellington.

I am a proud husband and father of two, soon to be three children. I am here today to talk a little about what I do and the opportunities that my role has provided for my family & I.

I first started working at Bodangora wind farm in August 2018. This year I have been taken over by GE in a permanent role and commenced my electrical apprenticeship. By 2023 I will have a dual trade.

The opportunity to work close to home in a secure full-time position really benefits my family and I. The company supports me and is flexible when it comes to family activities. I've been able to go to doctors' appointments with my wife for our baby that is on the way and to my son's assembly when he has received awards. The work life balance is great.

I have also been lucky enough for GE to commit to putting me through my electrical apprenticeship as an adult apprentice. The long-term benefits of having a dual trade will be great for my career and I am thankful for this.

My wife and I are quite active and play touch football in our local competition. The wind farm sponsored our team this year by purchasing our playing shirts. Without their support we wouldn't have looked as fast as we did when we won the grand final.

On a daily basis I get to see amazing views and work on large scale equipment that benefits our future. I work with a team of people and majority of our crew are local people who I know and grew up with. It makes our daily tasks easier when you know and can trust the people you work with.

These are just a few ways that I've seen the positive impacts the wind farm has had on my life. I'd just like to say that I'm glad I've taken this job and been able to be involved with the projects that GE have to offer. It's almost guaranteed to provide stable employment for the next 20 years and that stability alone is relieving for myself and my family.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today and I hope the wind farm benefits your community to.