

SUBMISSION ON CONTACT WIND LTD AND CONTACT ENERGY LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT AND NOTICES OF REQUIREMENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

To: Freepost HMR Call In
 Minister for the Environment
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 The Terrace
 Wellington 6143

OR Email: hmrcallin@mfe.govt.nz
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[Note: If you are emailing or faxing your submission, please mark in the subject line: 'HMR Call In']

This submission relates to the applications for resource consent and notices of requirement, lodged by Contact Wind Limited and Contact Energy Limited for the Hauāuru mā raki wind farm proposal as identified on the next page.

CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5.00 PM MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2008

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms (Please circle the appropriate title(s) or print clearly below)

My/Our Full Name(s): ELIZABETH ANN WRIGHT

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Please tick the relevant boxes on the next page to identify whether you are making a submission on all applications for resource consent and notices of requirement or just some of them (please identify).

Please also indicate on the back of this form (✓) whether you support, oppose, or are neutral in relation to the applications. If you are making a submission only on parts of an application for resource consent or notice of requirement, please note this when specifying the reasons for your submission.

The reasons for my/our submission are:



You are attaching further information tick for yes

Please use more pages if you need to.

I/we seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry (provide precise details including the nature of any conditions sought):

See attached

Please use more pages if you need to.

Use a clear tick in the appropriate box below (✓)

I/we wish to be heard in support of my/our submission (to speak at the public hearing).

I/we DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.

Signature(s): Elizabeth Wright

Date: 30/10/08

(Signature of submitter, or person authorised to sign on their behalf is required. Note signature is not required for electronic (email) submissions. If this is a joint submission by two or more individuals, each individual's signature is required.)



Use the tick boxes below to indicate the called-in applications for resource consent and notices of requirement that your submission concerns. Use a clear tick in the appropriate box or boxes (✓).

I/we make my/our submission concerning all applications for resource consent and notices of requirement below

OR

My/our submission only concerns the applications for resource consent and notices of requirement that I/we have ticked below:

	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Franklin District Council – Land-use Consents			
L08052: all activities associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of a wind farm		✓	
L08053: the re-opening and operation of Whitford Quarry including rock crushing and processing			
L08054: two concrete batching plants			
L08055: up to three public viewing areas (including signage) and associated parking areas			
L08056: improvements to local roads			
Franklin District Council – Notices of Requirement for Designation			
L08058: Limestone Downs Substation and ancillary facilities			
L08059: single circuit 220 kV transmission line linking the southern district boundary to Limestone Downs Substation			
L08060: double circuit 220 kV transmission line linking Limestone Downs Substation to Orton Switchyard		✓	
L08057: Orton Switchyard and ancillary facilities			
L08061: double circuit 220 kV transmission line connecting Orton Switchyard to the existing Huntly/Otahuhu A transmission line			
Waikato District Council – Land-use Consents			
LUC00005/08: all activities associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of a wind farm		✓	
LUC00005/08.01: two concrete batching plants			
LUC00005/08.02: improvements to local roads			
Waikato District Council – Notices of Requirement for Designation			
DES0012/08: Matira Substation and ancillary facilities			
DES0013/08: Te Akau Substation and ancillary facilities			
DES0014/08: single circuit 220 kV transmission line linking Matira and Te Akau Substations to northern district boundary			
Waikato Regional Council (Environment Waikato) – Earthworks Consents			
WRC 117912: earthworks, roading and tracking associated with construction, operation and maintenance of a wind farm		✓	
WRC 118074: soil disturbance associated with re-opening and operation of the Whitford Quarry			
Waikato Regional Council (Environment Waikato) – Watertake Consents			
WRC 117913: to take up to 104 m ³ water per day at a rate of up to 1.2 L/s from the Waikawau Stream			
WRC 117914: to take up to 94 m ³ water per day at a rate of up to 1.1 L/s from the Kaawa Stream			
WRC 117915: to take up to 79 m ³ water per day at a rate of up to 0.9 L/s from the Waikaretu Stream			
WRC 117916: to take up to 96 m ³ water per day at a rate of up to 1.1 L/s from the Waikorea Stream			
WRC 117920: to take up to the full flow from an unnamed spring at the Whitford Quarry			
Waikato Regional Council (Environment Waikato) – Streambed Works Consents			
WRC 117921: to construct and maintain an arch culvert in a tributary to the Te Umukaraka Stream			
WRC 117922: to construct and maintain a culvert in a tributary to the Tauterei Stream			
WRC 117923: to construct and maintain a 14 m bridge over the Waimai Stream			
Waikato Regional Council (Environment Waikato) – Discharges Consents			
WRC 117924: to discharge process water and stormwater from the Whitford Quarry and a concrete batching plant to land and to the Waikeretu Stream			
WRC 117925: to discharge process water and stormwater from three concrete plants to land			
Waikato Regional Council (Environment Waikato) – Earthworks Consents			
WRC 117927: to undertake earthworks activities for the three substations, a switch yard, transmission lines, and ancillary facilities		✓	

NOTE: A copy of this submission form must also be sent to Contact Energy Limited at:

Contact Energy Limited – Hauāuru mā raki

PO Box 10742

Wellington 6143

Attention Rosemary Dixon

or email HMR@contact-energy.co.nz

or fax 04 463 9261

I/we have served a copy of my/our submission on the applicant per Section 96(4) of the RMA.



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

In regard to our property at 1441 State Highway 22 where we farm sheep and cattle, have a house and sheds, ponds, and usual farm appurtenances and also in regard to general principles of siting of wind farms and their connection to the National Grid

LO 8052, LU^f00005/08, WRC 117912, WRC117927

I acknowledge the potential benefits to the country, the economy and world climate change of renewable energy resources. However I do not consider that there is as yet a coherent Governmental policy that embraces all aspects required.

The correlation of various state-owned and private companies in pursuing renewables is unclear to the average person, and the long term public good gets little consideration.

While wind farms themselves may be efficient and if properly sited may not affect public enjoyment unduly, the proliferation of unsightly transmission towers and lines all over our pristine country side affects all New Zealanders and also may affect tourists who may find our alleged beautiful clean green countryside rather less enticing when pylons intrude and overwhelm beautiful outlooks.

LO 8060

This proposed transmission line crosses State Highway 22 and goes across our property. Two pylons are proposed for our property and five in total will be visible from our home.

This area is arguably the most scenic area as far as the general public traveling State Highway 22 are concerned. This route is increasingly used as an alternative to State Highway 1 by tourists who frequently stop outside our gate to admire the wide vista south.

Our own architecturally designed home was purposely sited to take the best advantage of this view and indeed the most wonderful views from our property were one of the major reasons for our purchase of the property 22 years ago.

Also the transmission lines would mean that our airstrip, currently used for topdressing by ourselves and two neighbours would no longer be usable. 40% of our property is fertilized by air.

However I would agree to underground transmission despite the undergrounding process affecting farming operations during construction. We already have a gas line on our property which has some detrimental effects on property use.

Contact has provided us with figures indicating the cost of undergrounding is prohibitive. However I consider a truly independent opinion should be commissioned and obtained by the Minister for the

Environment prior to a decision being made. I am aware that undergrounding is usual in Europe and Japan and that land beside public roadways can be used for this purpose.

The health effect of transmission lines on humans and animals is also still uncertain and this is another reason for my opposition to overhead transmission lines.

I seek the following conditions from the Board of enquiry

The wind farm should not proceed unless there is a national strategy for wind farms.

If it is to proceed we seek either an alternative route for the lines.

Failing that, I seek undergrounding of the transmission lines in total. If the latter was not required by the Board, we seek the undergrounding of the lines within 700 meters of State Highway 22 on the Limestone Downs side of the road and undergrounding of the line for 3 kilometers after crossing to the north east side of State Highway 22

