



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

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Ministry for the Environment
PO Box 10362
The Terrace
Wellington 6143

Dear Sir/Madam,

**SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE CONSENT
CONTACT ENERGY LIMITED - TE MIHI CALL IN - ALL CONSENTS.**

Please find attached a submission by the Director- General of Conservation in respect of the above resource consent applications.

Please contact Jasmine Hessell in the first instance if you wish to discuss any of the matters raised in this submission (PH: 07 386 92523; jhessell@doc.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

Dave Lumley
Area Manager
for Conservator

Resource Management Act 1991

To: Minister for the Environment

Submission on: Contact Energy Limited - Te Mihi Call In - All consents

Name: Alistair Morrison
Director General of Conservation

Address: Department of Conservation

Statement of Submission by the Director-General of Conservation

Pursuant to section 96(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, I Dave Lumley, Turangi Taupo Area Manager, acting under the delegated authority from the Director - General of Conservation, make the following submission on the above application.

My submission is that:

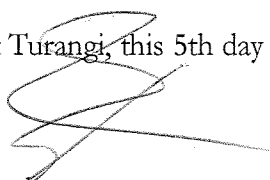
1. The Department of Conservation supports any efforts made to decommission the Wairakei power station. This is primarily due to the department's support of decreasing the discharge to the Waikato River. The associated change of practice to that of deep reinjection is preferential to a continuation of high levels of discharge to the Waikato River.
2. The Department of Conservation supports further developing of Te Mihi using more advanced technologies over the current use of Wairakei power station.

Relief sought:

1. No relief is sought.
2. This submission is neutral.
3. I do not wish to be heard.

A copy of the Instrument of Delegation may be inspected at the office of the Director-General of Conservation, Wellington.

Dated at Turangi, this 5th day of March 2008.


Dave Lumley
Acting pursuant to delegated authority

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