

In the matter of  
Turitea Wind Farm Call in  
Process:

Submission Opposing  
Proposal by

Garry Buckman.

## 1.1

My name is Garry Buckman . I am a citizen and ratepayer resident in Palmerston North. I am a qualified Naturopath. In recent years I have worked in Eco Tourism and Environmental Restoration projects on the Whanganui River and in the Manawatu area. I have a strong interest in Socio political issues and am currently employed in Social work. I support all those who oppose this application to build a wind farm in the Turitea valley.

## 1.2

I support the recent petition to Parliament calling for a moratorium on all wind farm development until the many outstanding issues regarding these developments are addressed and resolved.

## 1.3

Contrary to the recommendations by EECA (Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority) in Guidelines for Local Authorities (2004 ) wind farm developments have been taking place in a haphazard manner without uniformity in size and style.

## 1.4

This accentuates the visual environmental degradation

## 1.5

Contrary to the Horizons district plan the skyline of significant landscapes have not been protected.

2.1

I agree with the arguments purported by Nina Pearpoint with regard noise pollution and that developments should not take place unless the residents within a three mile radius are compensated.

2.2

Earthworks necessary to establish wind farms are significant. In a sensitive ecological environment such as the former Turitea Reserve I cannot see that this can occur without significant environmental destruction.

2.3

Wind farms create considerable wealth for relatively few members of the community.

2.4

For a significant number of other Community members wind farm developments are the cause of bitterness division and shattered dreams of a peace rural lifestyle.

2.5

These people are forced to find their own resources to defend their property fights.

People affected by wind farm developments are ratepayers' thus financial contributors to the city.

2.6

The City Council has no business being in a partnership with a Corporation when that development will significantly affect the property rights of its citizens.

3.1

The city should be advocating for its citizens property rights.

3.2

The Council had no mandate from the electorate for such a development. Public submissions against changing the reserve status overwhelmingly opposed the move.

3.3

Significantly three of the new councilors elected at the last election were vocal in their opposition to the proposed development.

3.4

Wind turbines are incompatible with living things. While advocates of this development may say death by turbine strike is not significant there has never before been a proposal to develop a wind farm in the habitat of endangered species ever and I hope never again.

3.5

In the middle of the Meridan wind farm they named Te Apiti is a house that became uninhabitable because it is situated to close to the turbines.

3.6

This proposed project is a significant threat to the lives and habitats of endangered native birds and other animals.

3.7

I fail to see how a project which will threaten and disturb and possibly result in the death of endangered birds can be of National significance. I see no reason for the Minister of the Environment to call in this project in the first place.

## 4.1

Endangered birds living and nesting will be disturbed and possibly killed by impacting with turbine blades.

## 4.2

Species of birds in the grouping of Raptor to which the Karearea (NZ Bush Falcon) belongs are at particular risk of death by turbine strike because of two particular flight patterns. They hunt live prey and dive at high speed to make a kill.

They fly at high speed above the bush canopy looking for prey. Raptors feature significantly in overseas studies of death by turbine strike.

## 4.3

Pairs of Karearea have been observed living in an around the area of this proposed development.

## 4.4

Even though these birds are recognised as endangered accurate figures on the population are not available. A figure of 5000 pairs is sometimes quoted though the source is not clear.

## 4.5

To build a wind farm in such a fragile environment is an act of ecological terrorism against the animal population in that area.

## 4.6

Even the kereru and tui which are now commonly sighted in bush reserves and urban gardens are still regarded as endangered species and Multi million dollar projects have built rodent proof fences and established sanctuaries and reserves so that nesting habitats

and food sources are protected e.g. (Karoiri Wildlife Reserve, Wellington and Bushy Park, Whanganui.).

#### 5.1

There is no place for wind farms within or even adjacent to sensitive ecological environments.

#### 5.2

All wild animals are sensitive to noise and movement. These two negative stimuli would be produced in large amounts if this project is allowed to proceed. If wind turbines are installed the environment will be significantly degraded as a habitat.

#### 5.3

Both tui and kereru have flight patterns placing them at significant risk of death by turbine strike.( High speed chasing weaving up and through the bush canopy.)

#### 5.4

The risk to Kereru of death by turbine strike would be greater in the seasons of the year when they appear to become inebriated by feasting on fermented berries.

#### 5.5

In the early stages of this proposal the idea of this being an Eco development and revenues gained being plowed into the area to establish Eco Park. Through personal contact with many clients of the Eco tourism market I know that this concept is misguided.

#### 5.6

Eco tourism clients come to our country to experience the solitude of our wilderness.

6.1

If there are any Eco tourists wanting to stand under huge industrial structure listening to the hideous thumping noise they make can already be catered for without this proposal of environmental desecration.

6.2

Creating an opportunity to do this in a bushy area will do nothing to expand the Eco tourism market and was a flawed idea from the beginning.

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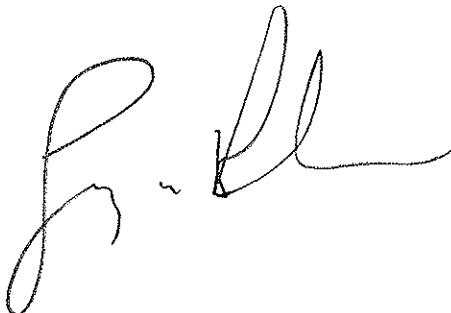
I extend my thanks and appreciation to this board of Inquiry for their attentiveness and for the opportunity of presenting this submission.

May the Creator guide you in your decisions and may your decision have compassion for his/ her creatures.

In this matter I ask that the approval for this project to proceed be declined.

Garry Buckman

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Buckman', written in a cursive style.