

I GREW UP ON A SHEEP AND BEEF FARM IN THE  
CANTERBURY FOOTHILLS. 1200 ACRES AT 1600 FT  
ABOVE SEA LEVEL. THE HILLS THERE ARE  
REMARKABLY SIMILAR TO BRYANT HILL AND ITS  
COMPANIONS.

MY CHILDHOOD WAS, IN MANY WAYS, LESS THAN HAPPY  
AND WHENEVER I COULD, I WOULD RIDE MY PONY OR  
HORSE IN TO THE FOOTHILLS FOR SOLACE – WELL AWAY  
FROM THE PEOPLE WHO HURT ME.

THERE WAS A LARGE TRACT OF NATIVE BUSH NOT FAR  
AWAY AND THIS AREA WAS A FURTHER SOURCE OF  
COMFORT FOR ME AT PARTICULARLY DIFFICUT TIMES IN MY  
LATE TEENS.

SO FROM AN EARLY AGE ... WHEN I COULDN'T MAKE SENSE  
OF THE WORLD, OR FELT THREATENED BY IT, I'D RETREAT  
INTO THE ~~.....~~ <sup>HILLS</sup> AND ALWAYS I'D EMERGE FEELING  
COMFORTED AND STRONGER.

**I WAS ABOUT 10, I THINK, WHEN OUR FAMILY BEGAN MAKING THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL BULL SALE AT PALMERSTON NORTH.**

**I FOUND THE CITY COLD, UGLY AND DULL. SO YEARS LATER, AFTER LIVING OVERSEAS FOR 12 YEARS, IT WAS WITH SOME TREPIDATION THAT I RETURNED TO PALMERSTON TO FURTHER STUDY AT MASSEY UNIVERSITY.**

**AGAIN, I FOUND THE CITY WITHOUT CHARM .....THAT IS, UNTIL I DISCOVERED THE TURITEA VALLEY AND THE TURITEA-GREENS ROAD LOOP. MANY, MANY TIMES I RODE MY HORSE THAT WAY – TO RELAX BEFORE AN EXAM, TO CELEBRATE AFTER EXAMS OR JUST TO RECHARGE.**

**ALWAYS THE AREA HELPED MY TO FEEL CALMER AND MORE AT PEACE WITH THE WORLD.**

**AFTER GRADUATION I LEFT THE AREA AND HAD NO THOUGHT OF RETURNING.**

**I LIVED AND WORKED IN WELLINGTON, THE HILLS THERE TOOK OVER THE SUCCOURING ROLE. BY THIS STAGE I WAS INTO LONG-DISTANCE RUNNING AND SPENT HOURS TRAINING IN THE GREEN BELT.**

**HOWEVER, FATE INTERVENED. I FELL IN LOVE WITH PAUL AND MOVED BACK TO PALMERSTON NORTH. OUR FIRST DATE WAS A RUN FROM THE CITY OUT ROUND MASSEY AND BACK.**

WE MARRIED IN 1996 AND THROUGHOUT OUR MARRIED LIFE HAVE MAINTAINED THE RUNNING – NOT SUCH LONG DISTANCES NOW

BUT WHEN WE WERE MARATHON FIT AND ON A RUN ROUND THE TURITEA-GREENS ROAD LOOP WE DISCOVERED NGAHERE PARK – A VERY NEW DEVELOPMENT.

WE HAD BEEN LOOKING TO MOVE FROM OUR 10-ACRE LOT ON THE CORNER OF ROBERTS ~~LINE~~ AND RICHARDSON'S <sup>LINES</sup> ROAD (ACROSS THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN) BECAUSE IT WAS BECOMING VERY NOISEY – AIR TRAFFIC HAD <sup>INCREASED</sup> (AND <sup>DRAMATICALLY</sup>) FREQUENTLY WOKE US AT NIGHT) AND THE LAND JUST ACROSS THE ROAD WAS REZONED INDUSTRIAL.

PAUL HAS TO LIVE WITHIN 20 MINUTES OF THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF HIS JOB SO WE HAD LIMITED OPTIONS ON WHERE TO GO – POHANGINA WAS TOO FAR AWAY AND, AT THAT TIME, LIFE STYLE BLOCKS WERE REALLY ONLY AVAILABLE IN THE AOUKAUTERE/TURITEA AREA.

WE FELT THE TURITEA AREA WAS PROTECTED FROM INDUSTRIALIZATION BECAUSE THE 'SACROSANCT' WATER RESERVE FORMED THE BACKDROP AND THE TERRAIN WAS LARGELY UNSUITABLE.

POST RUN WE RETURNED, AND MET THE DEVELOPER WHO DROVE US AROUND AVAILABLE LOTS..... IT WAS THE 20 ACRES AT NUMBER 83 THAT SANG TO US. THIS WAS IN APPROX AUGUST OF 2000. TITLE TO THE LAND HAD NOT BEEN APPLIED FOR AND WE HAD TO WAIT UNTIL MARCH 2001 FOR THE SALES AGREEMENT TO BECOME EFFECTIVE. A PROTRACTED DELAY BUT WE WAITED HAPPILY.

**SINCE THEN DIXON'S OR DOCTOR'S FOLLY, AS WE VARIOUSLY CALL IT, HAS PROVIDED US WITH A SHARED AND TOTALLY ABSORBING FOCUS.**

**WE SET ABOUT TRANSFORMING IT FROM A RUN-DOWN WED-INFESTED, UNFERTILISED UNFORESTED OVERGRAZED AND ERODING 20 ACRES INTO OUR OWN PIECE OF PARADISE.**

**EARLY ON WE LEARNED THAT UP UNTIL THE 1840'S THE LAND HAD BEEN COVERED IN BUSH. THEN ANYTHING MILLABLE WAS MILLED AND THE REMAINDER SLASHED, PUSHED INTO THE GULLEY AND BURNT. WE KNEW STRAIGHT AWAY WE HAD TO PUT THE GULLEY BACK INTO NATIVES USING SPECIES THAT NATURALLY GROW IN THE VICINITY. OVER THE ENSUING YEARS WE HAVE SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS AND MUCH ENERGY PROPOGATING LOCALLY SOURCED SEEDS AND EVENTUALLY PLANTING THEM OUT ON OUR PLOT. TO DATE WE'VE PLANTED OVER 5,000 AND HAVE ANOTHER 2,000 WAITING TO GO IN.**

**75-80% OF THESE HAVE BEEN GROWN BY US, AND WE HAVE APPLIED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH TRUST FOR PROTECTION OF THE NOW QUITE-HEAVILY-BUSHED GULLEY.**

I WAS KEEN TO PLANT ONLY NATIVES BUT PAUL IS FROM ENGLAND SO WE HAVE A SMALL AREA OF EXOTICS FOR HIM AND HAVE PLANTED MANY BULBS.

WE HAVE ALSO PUT IN A SUBSTANTIAL ORCHARD. HOWEVER, ALL OTHER PLANTING, INCLUDING STRUCTURAL LANDSCAPING AROUND THE HOUSE IS OR WILL BE NATIVES. WE HAVE DEVELOPED A NEAR-COMPLETE COLLECTION OF PITTOSPORUMS (IF ANY OF YOU CAN TELL ME WHERE WE CAN SOURCE P. ANOMALUM, DIVARICATUM, FAIRCHILDII OR RIGIDUM I WOULD BE DELIGHTED)

ALREADY THE BIRD LIFE HAS CHANGED .....IN THE EARLY DAYS WE WATCHED IN AWE AND DELIGHT A PAIR OF GROUND LARKS BUILDING THEIR NEST AND RAISING THEIR YOUNG – WE ACTUALLY SAW THE YOUNG MAKE THEIR FIRST CLUMSY FLIGHTS. AND WE HAD TO WATCH WHERE WE PUT OUR FEET TO AVOID STANDING ON YELLOWHAMMERS IN THEIR GROUND NESTS.

NOW WE WATCH TUIS AND BELLBIRDS GORGING ON FLAX NECTAR; WOOD PIGEONS SWOOSH NOISILY OVERHEAD.....<sup>FALCON SEAT</sup> GREY WARBLERS, FANTAILS, WAX EYES, KING FISHERS, SHINING CUCKOOS AND BLUE HERONS ARE ALL PRESENT. MOREPORKS HOOT AT NIGHT AND OUR TWO DAMS ARE BRIMMING WITH FROGS.

WE LOVED OUR LAND FROM THE START.

WE WANTED TO BUILD A HOME THERE THAT WOULD SEE US THROUGH TO THE END OF OUR LIFE, AND INDEED OFTEN SAY, ONLY HALF JOKING, THAT WE'LL BE CARRIED OFF THE PROPERTY IN A WOODEN BOX.

OUR HOUSE IS NOW IN THE FINAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. – A HOUSE DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO MAXIMISE THE VIEWS BUT TO PROVIDE US WITH COVERED AND SHELTERED AREAS SO THAT WE CAN BE COMFORTABLY OUTSIDE IRRESPECTIVE OF WIND AND RAIN.....( YOU HAVE VISITED THE SITE AND ARE FAMILIAR WITH JUST HOW GLORIOUS THE VIEWS ARE, BUT YOU MAY NOT HAVE REALISED THAT IT IS THE SMALLER , EAST FACING BEDROOM WITH THE TERRACE OUTSIDE THAT IS THE MASTER BEDROOM – CHOSEN SO THAT WE COULD WAKE TO VIEWS TO THE HILLS AND TAKE BREAKFAST OUTSIDE).

I DON'T THINK ANYONE BUYS A BLOCK IN THE COUNTRY TO SIT INSIDE ALL DAY, BUT BEING OUTSIDE AND FEELING PART OF NATURE IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO PAUL AND ME. INDEED WE OFTEN TAKE A CUP OF TEA OR GLASS OF WINE UP INTO THE FIELDS AND SIT AMONG OUR ALPACAS AND HORSES TO SAVOUR THE VIEWS AND ENJOY THE ANIMALS.

PHOTO of Alpaca silhouette

**WE CURRENTLY LIVE IN TOWN BUT I WORK AT 'THE FOLLY' EVERY DAY AND USUALLY ALL DAY – TAKING CARE OF OUR ALPACAS, HORSES AND SHEEP AND NURTURING THE FLEDGLING BUSH RESERVE**

**EARLY ON I NOTICED THAT IF I SET OUT FOR THE LAND SUFFERING FROM A HEADACHE IT WOULD DISSIPATE AS I DROVE INTO THE TURITEA VALLEY. I MENTIONED THIS TO PAUL AND HE HAD OBSERVED SOMETHING SIMILAR. WE MENTIONED TO SEVERAL NGAHERE NEIGHBOURS AND THEIR EXPERIENCES WERE ALSO SIMILAR.**

**IN SHORT ... WE LOVE BEING OUTDOORS AND HAVE A VERY VERY DEEP, PHYSICAL ATTACHMENT TO OUR LAND.**

**SHOULD THIS WIND FARM, ....BY ANY GHASTLY CHANCE,.... GO AHEAD OUR PLEASURE IN OUR LAND WILL BE SHATTERED....HOW CAN ANYONE ENJOY SITTING ON A HILLSIDE WITH A GLASS OF WINE WITH THE DREADFUL SOUND OF THE TURBINES. I FELT VERY SAD WHEN I HEARD THAT NOISE IN THE VIDEO CLIP SHOWN YESTERDAY**

**WHEN WE FIRST HEARD ABOUT THE PROPOSED WIND FARM IN THE WATER RESERVE WE WERE INCREDULOUS. WE COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT THE PNCC WOULD PUT THE CITY'S MAJOR WATER SUPPLY AT RISK.....BUT THE FINANCIAL INDUCEMENT OFFERED BY MRP WORKED AND THE RESERVE STATUS WAS CHANGED.**

**AND THAT WAS WHY I FIRST BECAME INVOLVED IN OPPOSING THE WIND FARM....AND WHERE, SADLY, I WAS FIRST EXPOSED TO THE HALF TRUTHS AND NON-TRUTHS THAT SEEM TO HAVE CHARACTERISED THE SALES PITCH FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT**

**'THE HILLS ARE ROCK SO EROSION WON'T HAPPEN'.**

**ACTUALLY THE ROCK IS LARGELY 'ROTTEN ROCK' AND IS QUARRIED IN AT LEAST TWO SITES ALONG THE TARARUAS AND IS HEAVILY ERODED TO FORM THE GORGE – AND THIS CONTINUES TO ERODE, ....OFTEN DRAMATICALLY.... WHENEVER THERE IS HEAVY RAIN. THE TRACK ALONG THE TOP OF THE RANGES SHOWS CRUMBLING ROCK ALONG ITS ENTIRETY.**

**'HIGH-TECH BUNDING, AS USED AT MAKARA WILL PREVENT SEDIMENT REACHING THE WATER DAMS.'**

**ACTUALLY, THE FIRST HEAVY RAIN AT MAKARA RESULTED IN A LONG SILT TRAIL SEVERAL KILOMETRES OUT TO SEA OFF THE MAKARA COAST – I AM SURE THE BOARD MEMBERS SAW THE AERIAL PHOTO IN THE DOMINION,**

**GLOBAL WARMING IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE MORE VIOLENT WEATHER EVENTS MORE FREQUENTLY . I SUSPECT THAT WHEN THIS HAPPENS NO AMOUNT OF BUNDING WILL PREVENT THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY SUFFERING.**

**AND YOU DON'T NEED ME TO TELL YOU THAT WE CAN LIVE WITHOUT ELECTRICITY BUT NOT WITHOUT WATER.**

**ANYWAY ABOUT THIS TIME I THOUGHT THAT NZ NEEDED SOME NATIONAL GUIDELINES ON WHERE WINDMILLS SHOULD OR SHOULDN'T GO AND SUBSEQUENTLY ORGANISED A PETITION ASKING CENTRAL GOVT TO DEVELOP SUCH GUIDELINES..**

**YOU HAVE A COPY OF THE PETITION**

**WE COLLECTED OVER 2,000 SIGNATURES IN A FEW WEEKS. SEVERAL BUSINESS IN PN AND INDIVIDUALS FROM PN AND ELSEWHERE HELPED COLLECT APPROX. 500 OF THESE.**

**LYNN BEBB AND I COLLECTED THE OTHER 1500 OR SO. WE DID THIS BY WORKING MAINLY IN THE CITY CENTRE FOR ABOUT 20 HOURS SPEAD OVER THREE WEEKS.**

**THUS, WE WERE EACH COLLECTING, ON AVERAGE, A SIGNATURE EVERY 1.5 – 2 MINUTES. A VERY STEADY RATE . THESE FACTS SUGGEST THAT MANY PEOPLE IN PN FEEL STRONGLY THAT WIND FARM PROLIFERATION NOW NEEDS SOME CONTROL.**

**WHILST COLLECTING SIGNATURES LYNN AND I WERE STRUCK BY HOW OFTEN WE HEARD THE COMMENT**

**'I USED TO LIKE THE WINDMILLS, BUT NOW THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM THAT THEY LOOK UGLY' .... OR VARIATIONS OF IT.**

**POSSIBLY AS MANY AS 80 – 85% OF PEOPLE SIGNING MADE THIS COMMENT**

**OTHER COMMONLY HEARD COMMENTS WERE;**

**'I'M FOR WIND FARMS BUT IN THE RIGHT PLACE';**

**'THEY'LL BE PUTTING THEM IN OUR NATIONAL PARKS NEXT'**

**'IT'S MORE ABOUT MAKING MONEY THAN SOLVING GLOBAL WARMING'.....**

**'WE SHOULD GET OVER OURSELVES AND GO NUCLEAR'**

**'CARBON CREDITS ARE TO BLAME – LOTS OF MONEY INVOLVED'**

**'I HATE THE BLOODY THINGS'; AND**

**' GOOD ON YOU FOR DOING THIS, BUT IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE'**

**AND ESPECIALLY MEMORABLE FROM ONE OLDER WOMAN 'WHERE DO I GET TO REST MY EYES THEN IF THEY COVER ALL THE HILLS WITH THESE THINGS.**

**OVERSEAS TOURISTS, .....NOT QUALIFIED TO SIGN,..... ALMOST INVARIABLY COMMENTED THAT THEY DID NOT SEE THE TURBINES AS BEAUTIFUL AND ACTUALLY CAME TO NEW ZEALAND TO ENJOY SCENERY NOT DOMINATED BY THEM .....’TO GET AWAY FROM THEM AND OTHER FORMS OF INDUSTRIALISATION’.....**

**JULIA WILLIAMS OBSERVED THAT ‘ IN HER EXPERIENCE, THE WIDER COMMUNITY DOESN’T TAKE TOO MUCH INTEREST IN AND DOESNT GET INFORMED ABOUT AN ISSUE UNLESS IT DIRECTLY AFFECTS THEM’.**

**OUR ‘PETITION’ EXPERIENCE ENDORSES MS WILLIAMS’.....**

**PEOPLE, INITIALLY APPROACHED, WOULD SAY ‘I’M IN FAVOUR OF WINDMILLS’. WE WOULD RESPOND THAT WE WERE TOO THEN DIRECT THEM TO THE MONTAGE TAKEN FROM QUALITY INN. VIRTUALLY EVERYTIME THEIR RESPONSE WOULD BE – IS THAT WHAT THEY PLAN – NO WAY – GIVE ME THE PEN/WHERE DO I SIGN. AND THIS WAS ACROSS ALL AGES.**

**AS TIME WENT ON WE FOUND THAT PEOPLE WERE UNINFORMED OR ILL-INFORMED ABOUT THE TURITEA PROPOSAL ---HOW CAN MEANINGFUL PUBLIC PERCEPTION SURVEYS BE MADE SHEN THIS IS THE CASE**

**JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY IS FOR WIND-GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY, BUT MOST SEEM TO AGREE THAT WIND FARMS HAVE TO BE IN APPROPRIATE SITES.**

**AFTER ALL, IN ENDEAVOURING TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS, WHAT IS THE POINT OF DESTROYING WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAVE**

**ACTUALLY, WITH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPING SO FAST, I WONDER IF ANY LAND-BASED WIND GENERATION IS APPROPRIATE....REFER TO THE DOMINION ARTICLE MONDAY A WEEK AGO STATING THAT IN US, UK AND AUSTRALIA WORK ON WIND GENERATORS IN THE STRATOSPHERE ARE AT THE TRIAL STAGE AND SHOWING ENORMOUS PROMISE – THAT SUCH GENERATION SHOULD BE WIDELY AVAILABLE WITHIN THE NEXT 10 – 15 YEARS AND HAS THE CAPABILITY OF GENERATING 100 X, YES 100 TIMES, THE CURRENT TOTAL WORLD ENERGY DEMAND.**

**A FEW MOORING ROPES GOING UP FROM THE TARARUAS IS UNLIKELY TO CAUSE THIS SORT OF MAJOR OPPOSITION.**

**OVER THE PAST 8 YEARS I HAVE DRIVEN MY HUSBAND MAD WITH COMMENTS ALONG THE LINES OF**

**'OH PAUL LOOK AT THE COLOURS IN OUR HILLS' OR 'QUICK, GET A PHOTO OF THAT....'**

**A VERY WELL KNOWN AND SUCCESSFUL LOCAL ARTIST, JACK REGISTER, ALSO LOVES THE COLOURS OF THE TARARUAS AND GORGE AREA.....BUT TOLD ME HE CAN NO LONGER PAINT THESE THINGS BECAUSE SEEING THE WINDMILLS MAKES HIM ANGRY AND UNABLE TO PAINT. HE HELPED US COLLECT SIGNATURES FOR AN HOUR OR TWO BUT FELT HE COULDN'T COME TO SPEAK HERE BECAUSE HE WOULD BECOME ANGRY AND INSULTING. BUT ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HOW THE WINDMILLS HAVE ALREADY AFFECTED HIM.**

**IS ART TO BE ANOTHER OF THIS REGION'S LOSSES BECAUSE OF WINDMILLS?**

**FROM THE BEGINNING OF THIS 'CAMPAIGN' TO PROTECT THE HILLS, WE KNEW IT WAS GOING TO BE A DAVID AND GOLIATH AFFAIR.**

**THE GOVT AT THE TIME HAD THE 'WHOLE OF GOVT' APPROACH TO REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS WHEREBY THE DEPTS THAT WE KNEW PRIVATELY FELT THE WATER RESERVE SHOULD NOT BE TAMPERED WITH, I.E. DOC AND MFE.....WERE EFFECTIVELY GAGGED.**

**ELECTRICITY GENERATORS WERE WEALTHY AND COULD BUY THE SILENCE OF AFFECTED PARTIES ....AND THEY DID.**

**FOR EXAMPLE, A FARMER IN THE TE APITI AREA BELIEVED HE AND HIS FAMILY WOULD BE ALRIGHT LIVING AMONGST THE WINDMILLS. THEY FOUND IT INTOLERABLE AND THE COMPANY INVOLVED PAID THEM OUT. MOST PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM KNOW WHO THAT PERSON IS BUT HE CAN'T BE NAMED, AND THE FAMILY NOW LIVES IN AUSTRALIA.**

## **FURTHER EXAMPLES OF 'GAGGING' INCLUDE**

- 1) IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE PROCESS, THE MANAWATU STANDARD PUBLISHED SEVERAL NEGATIVE ARTICLES ABOUT THE TURITEA PROPOSAL.**

**WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE THEN PNCC APPARENTLY ADVISED THE PAPER THAT IF THEY CONTINUED TO DO THIS, THE PNCC WOULD PULL ALL THEIR ADVERTISING FROM THE PAPER – A BIG BUSINESS LOSS TO THE PAPER – SO THE ARTICLES STOPPED.**

- 2) I UNDERSTAND THAT MASSEY UNI RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING FROM MRP FOR RESEARCH INTO VARIOUS AREAS. THE CATCH – NO MASSEY RESEARCHER COULD MAKE A SUBMISSION AND IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS A MASSEY RESEARCHER OR USE ANY OF THEIR MASSEY RESEARCH AGAINST MRP.**

- 3) FROM INFORMATION FROM A SUBMITTER YESTERDAY IT SOUNDS AS THOUGH RANGITAANE MAY ALSO HAVE RECEIVED FUNDS THAT HELPED THEM REACH AN ARRANGEMENT.**

**AND FINANCIAL INDUCEMENTS TO FARMERS HAS SURELY ELICITED THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS PROPOSAL. I CAN'T BLAME THEM ..... I GUESS WE ALL HAVE OUR PRICE (THOUGH I AM NOT SURE ANYONE COULD AFFORD OUR PRICE TO PUT WINDMILLS ON OUR PROPERTY AND CERTAINLY JOHN & ROSEMARY ADAMS HAVE TAKEN A SIMILAR STANCE).**

**TRUTH IS A FUNCTION OF TIME.....HISTORY IS LITTERED  
WITH EXAMPLES, INCLUDING**

**THE WORLD IS FLAT;  
CARS AND TRACTORS WILL NEVER REPLACE HORSES;  
CIGARETTE SMOKING IS NOT A HEALTH HAZARD**

**OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE HAVE ALLUDED TO  
HEALTH EFFECTS ...AND TO THE GROWING BODY OF  
SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE SUGGESTING THAT LOW ~~DECIBEL~~ <sup>FREQUENCY</sup>  
NOISE DOES CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS IN SUSCEPTIBLE  
PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY MIGRAINE AND TRAVEL SICKNESS  
SUFFERERS --- SYMPTOMS THAT ARE REAL, MEASURABLE,  
REPRODUCIBLE AND SEVERE.**

**ABOUT 12 YEARS AGO, ALONG WITH SEVERAL FRIENDS I ATTENDED A TINA TURNER CONCERT.**

**ABOUT HALFWAY THROUGH THE CONCERT I FELT SEVERE INTERNAL CHEST VIBRATIONS . THREE FRIENDS WERE MEDICAL(TWO CONSULTANTS AT THE HOSPITAL; ONE A NURSE SPECIALIST). TWO OF US EXPERIENCED THESE CHEST VIBRATIONS, SO SWAPPED PLACES WITH THOSE UNAFFECTED. NOTHING CHANGED AND OUR CHESTS CONTINUED TO VIBRATE PAINFULLY UNTIL THE MUSIC STOPPED.**

**BECAUSE OF MY TINA TURNER EXPERIENCE I AM FEARFUL THAT I AM ONE OF THOSE SUSCEPTIBLE PEOPLE**

**I BEG YOU TO PLAY IT SAFE ON THE SEMI -PROVED TRUTH OF HEALTH PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH WINDMILLS.**

**THERE ARE MANY MANY PLACES WHERE WINDFARMS CAN BE SITED THAT ARE NOT RIGHT ON THE DOORSTEP OF SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF PEOPLE – AND OUR ALREADY STRAINED HEALTH SERVICE DOESN'T NEED A HUGE JUMP IN PEOPLE NEEDING HELP.**

**MITIGATION – OUR HOUSE IS CURRENTLY RATHER TOO OBVIOUS IN THE LANDSCAPE. WE PAINTED THE WALLS THE COLOUR OF THE DRIED SUMMER GRASS, AND INSIDE THE COLOURED CONCRETE WAS MATCHED TO THE CLAY OUTSIDE. THE ROOF IS FOREST GREEN BUT STILL IT STANDS OUT. WHILST WE CAN'T PLANT TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE WINDMILLS, WE WILL CERTAINLY BE PLANTING TO MITIGATE THE EFFECT OF OUR HOUSE ON ITS ENVIRONMENT**

**MY FINAL POINT RELATES TO THE NOISE CONTROL PROCEDURES. OTHER SUBMITTERS HAVE COVERED THIS ADEQUATELY IN GENERAL TERMS. I WOULD LIKE TO BE SPECIFIC;**

**A WOMAN AT MAKARA DISTURBED BY TURBINE NOISE AT NIGHT PHONED THE GIVEN NUMBER TO LODGE HER COMPLAINT AND ASKED THE PERSON AT THE OTHER END OF THE LINE WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO ABOUT IT. HE RESPONDED '....NOTHING'.**

**I AM CONVINCED THAT THIS WILL BE THE RESPONSE THAT WE TOO GET AS ALREADY I HAVE EXPERIENCED THE IRON FIST FROM WITHIN MRP'S KID GLOVE.....**

**I AM NO GREAT COMPUTER USER AND MUCH PREFER TO HOP INTO BED AND READ THINGS THAN SIT IN FRONT OF A COMPUTER LATE AT NIGHT READING THINGS.**

**SO I REQUESTED A HARD COPY OF THE PROPOSAL FROM MRP. AT MY REQUEST, SUBSEQUENT EVIDENCE WAS ALSO PROVIDED IN HARD COPY. GREAT...**

**BUT WHEN PAUL WAS GOING OVERSEAS FOR SOME TIME AND WANTED TO TAKE THIS WITH HIM, I REQUESTED A FURTHER HARD COPY BY PHONING AND LEAVING A MESSAGE ON THE APPROPRIATE MRP NUMBER.**

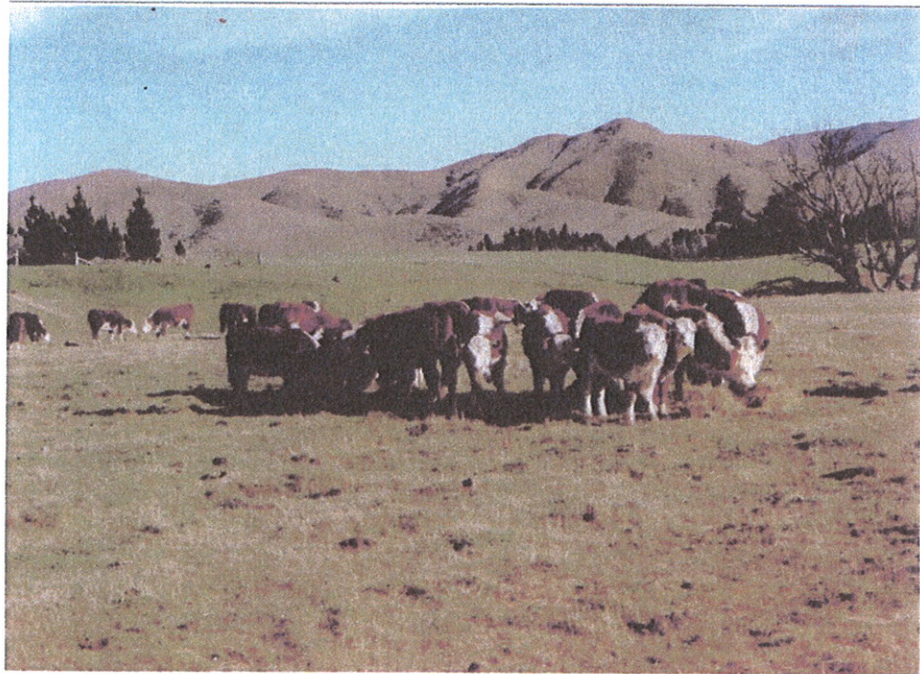
**NOTHING HAPPENED, SO I PHONED AGAIN, AND AGAIN.**

**FINALLY I RANG MFE AND CAROLINE SAID SHE WOULD PASS ON MY REQUEST.**

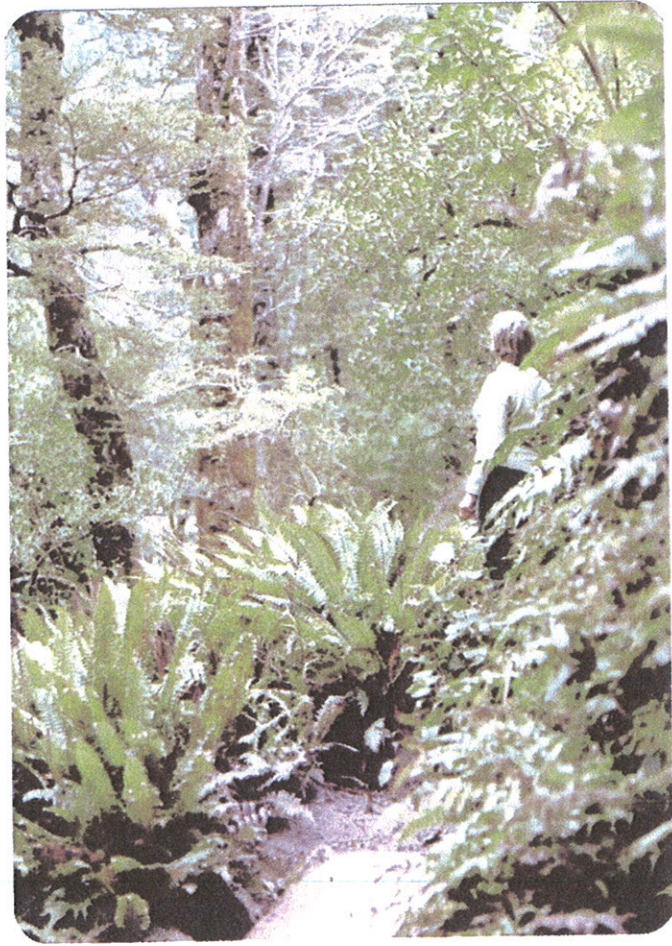
**NOTHING HAPPENED ....UNTIL I FINALLY RECEIVED THIS LETTER FROM CHANCERY GREEN, LAWYERS (AND YOU DO HAVE A COPY OF THIS IN THE PACK)**

**SO WE SUBMITTERS ARE DISTRUSTFUL OF MRP, WE HAVE A NEW AND SUPPORTIVE COUNCIL BUT ARE STUCK WITH THE DECISION OF A PREVIOUS COUNCIL....ONLY YOUR HONOUR AND YOU BOARD MEMBERS CAN SAVE US FROM A GREAT DEAL OF MISERY AND PROBABLE ILL-HEALTH BY DECLINING THIS PROPOSAL IN ITS ENTIRETY.**





Area where I grew up  
(in mid-Castorbury)



Bush at Stavelog