

**TE RUNANGA O RANGITANE O TAMAKI NUI A RUA  
CULTURAL & POLITICAL SERVICES**

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E te tepu, huri noa i te whare, tena koutou katoa,

Ki nga tini mate o te wa, haere haere haere.

E te whanaunga Roger, okioki ake ki a ratou kua wheturangitia.

Tini whetu ki te rangi, he kanohi maumahara kia tangihia

Otira, ki a tatou kua hui nei, tena ano tatou katoa

The Rangitane o Tamaki nui a Rua presentation re the Turitea Windfarm  
proposal by Mighty River Power.

Introductions;

My name is Graeme Eustace, I am the administrator for the Cultural and  
Political Services unit of Rangitane o Tamaki nui a Rua. I bring the apologies of  
Manahi Paewai, Manager of the Cultural Political Services unit who is unable to  
be present today.

~~I would like to acknowledge the support and presence of our kuia, Hanatia  
Palmer of Pahiatua and our Executive Officer, Oriana Paewai.~~

Our concerns, recommendation and mitigation regarding this proposal are as  
follows;

Concerns

1. The visual and aesthetic concerns are that the Turitea Wind Farm will detract from the beauty of the natural landscape. For Rangitane o Tamaki nui a Rua, these concerns are magnified by the proximity of the Wind Farm to the sacred maunga Arawaru (Aruwaru) and Tirohanga. In this sense, whether these maunga are within the precise boundaries of the Wind Farm site is immaterial. The vista that generations of Rangitane o Tamaki nui a Rua have beheld will be profoundly altered by the erection of the turbines. (Please see visuals)
2. The possible negative impact of the new structures upon the flora and fauna and natural features of the area, especially in the construction

phase, but also under operational conditions is an unknown factor and is therefore of considerable concern.

3. There are also concerns regarding the possible negative impact of other discharges from the erection, (e.g. slips and erosion) and operation (e.g. noise) of the new structures upon the environment.

#### Recommendation

4. Rangitane o Tamaki Nui a Rua strongly recommend that a condition of the resource consent for the Turitea Wind Farm be a requirement that Mighty River Power completely remove the turbine structures at the end of their working life, and restore each of the turbine sites to their original condition. This requirement needs to be transferable to any future owner, in the event that Mighty River Power redefines itself, or on-sells the Turitea Wind Farm to a third party
5. There has to be some surety in respect of our concerns expressed in Nos. 2 and 3

#### Mitigation

6. It is our position that mitigation of the above concerns be inclusive of the fostering of a positive relationship between Mighty River Power and Rangitane o Tamaki Nui a Rua, via the provision of an MOU or an MOP, employment opportunities, training, scholarships, sponsorships and other that may be agreed upon.

No reira, tena tatou katoa