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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF INQUIRY**

*In the matter* of a Board of Inquiry appointed under s146 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to consider an application by Mighty River Power Limited for resource consents to construct and operate a Windfarm at Turitea

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**MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL**  
**FOR PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL REGARDING SITE VISIT**

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Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009

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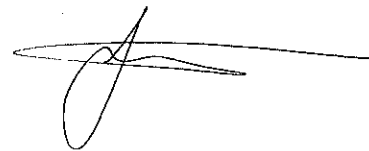
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## **MAY IT PLEASE THE BOARD**

1. I understand the planners for the applicant and Palmerston North City Council are providing some suggestions as to locations you might go to as part of your site visit. This is likely to include residential viewpoints selected by Mr Wyatt.
2. Photomontages are very useful tools but PNCC's advice is that they to some extent flatten elements within view. It would be appreciated if the Board visited residential viewpoints 1 and 22. At those viewpoints it would be appreciated if the Board did a compare and contrast exercise between the visual prominence of the constructed part of Te Rere Hau as shown in the photomontage and the Board's own visual observations. Broadly similar light conditions to those that applied when the photomontage was prepared are required.
3. The Palmerston North City Council does not accept Mr Wyatt's assessment of the visibility of the turbines in the Palmerston North catchment. In particular, the visibility described in the report by Mr Wyatt attached to the AEE dated August 2008 describing the zones of visual influence. It would be useful for the Board to obtain and appreciation of the visibility of T3 (at 110m height from base to tip) from locations up to 12km from T3.



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