

BEFORE THE BOARD OF INQUIRY

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of a Board of Inquiry appointed under section 146 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to consider an application by Mighty River Power Limited for resource consents to construct, operate and maintain a wind farm at Turitea

**SIXTH MEMORANDUM OF COUNSEL FOR MIGHTY RIVER POWER LIMITED
REGARDING THE DESIGN REFINEMENT PROCESS**

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Further update on design refinement process

- 1.1 Further to our memorandum circulated on 24 November 2009, the following provides the next update as to progress of the design refinement process thus far:
- (a) Mr Brown and Mr Wyatt will be undertaking a site visit as soon as Mr Brown's other hearing commitments permit, following which they can complete their respective visual and landscape assessments of the revised layout.
 - (b) The civil design team is now well over halfway through preparing and considering the detailed plans of the revised layout.
 - (c) Work from the landscape and civil design teams is being fed through to the wider project team as soon as it becomes available, to allow them to progress their respective assessments as soon as possible. In particular, both Mr Hegley and Mr Day have undertaken initial noise modelling for the revised layout, and Mr W. Shaw has been on-site to commence his consideration of potential terrestrial ecology effects.

Process Timeline

- 1.2 In light of the above, Mighty River Power considers it remains on track to achieve the various process timeframes outlined in our previous (fifth) update memorandum.



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