

BOARD OF INQUIRY

**Turitea Wind
Farm Proposal**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

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, operate, and maintain a wind farm at Turitea

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DIRECTIONS

[1] Mighty River Power has advised that a number of issues raised by submitters in their submissions/presentations do not reflect the company's current position on or knowledge of such matters.

[2] It appears either matters of fact have been misinterpreted, or the company's position has changed because of caucusing by the expert witnesses or because of updated expert evidence.

[3] Accordingly, the Board would be appreciative if Mighty River Power sets out in memorandum form what the identified issues are and how they have been misinterpreted or altered. It is in the interests of all parties that this exercise is undertaken as soon as possible.

[4] Mighty River Power has also advised that because of the concerns expressed at the hearing over the layout of the wind farm that it is reconsidering the turbine layout to see how it could be better redesigned to fit with the landscape. Some residents have expressed interest to the Project Co-ordinator on how the Board proposes to go forward in such circumstances.

[5] We are of the firm view that when hearings resume on 12 October 2009, those submitters/presenters still not heard will complete their representations to the Board; it is essential for all parties to have a complete overview of current concerns. Those expert witnesses yet to give evidence or submitters who wish to make a presentation (with the exception of the planners) will therefore provide their evidence in the time allocated. We make an exception of the planners at this stage because any redesign by Mighty River Power may mean the planning evidence could be altered.

[6] Further steps in the proceedings as a result of the intended reconsideration of the layout redesign by Mighty River Power will be outlined at the end of the week of hearings resuming 12 October, 2009 after a conference with all counsel.

DATED at Wellington this 10th day of September 2009



S E Kenderdine
Environment Judge

Chair
Turitea Board of Inquiry