

BOARD OF INQUIRY

Turitea Wind Farm Proposal

IN THE MATTER

of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

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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

MEMORANDUM ON THE PROGRESS REGARDING THE DRAFT DECISION

[1] This Memorandum serves to update the applicant and submitters on the progress that the Board is making on the Draft Report. We are aware that all parties are understandably eager for advice on its release date.

[2] The Board has been working consistently since the hearing adjourned on the 30th of March 2010. We have met on a number of occasions, but as can be expected, all Board members have also had other ongoing commitments. We are currently holding a three day meeting to work through the final issues associated with the decision.

[3] In assessing this progress and looking ahead, we are mindful of the approach of the end of the year. This is a busy time when all our resources are under pressure. A number of logistical publishing arrangements need to be made before the decision can be released and these are estimated to take up to a month.

[4] We have therefore concluded that while good progress has been made, the report will be released in January 2011 following the conclusion of the legal statutory holidays. Precise details on the release date will be made closer to the time.

DATED at Wellington this 21st day of October 2010

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. E. Kenderdine', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

S E Kenderdine

Retired Environment Judge

Chair

Turitea Board of Inquiry