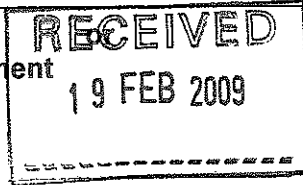


**SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE
CONSENT AND NOTICES OF REQUIRMENTS**

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To: Freepost Call In
Ministry for the Environment
PO Box 10362
The Terrace
Wellington 6143



Email: turiteacallin@mfe.govt.nz
Fax: (04) 439 7705

[Note: If you are emailing or faxing your submission, please mark in the subject line: 'Turitea Call In']

This submission relates to the applications for resource consents lodged by Mighty River Power Ltd for the Turitea Wind Farm proposal as identified on the next page.

CLOSING DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5.00 PM MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2009

Title: _____ Mr Mrs Miss Ms (Please circle the appropriate title(s) or print clearly below)

My/Our Full Name(s): Michael and Pam Dransfield

Postal Address: 241 Kahuterawa Road
RD4, Palmerston North

Work Ph: _____ Home Ph: (06) 357 0008 Cell: _____

Work Fax: _____ Home Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please tick the relevant boxes on the next page to identify whether you are making a submission on all applications for resource consents or just some of them (please identify).

Please also indicate on the back of this form (✓) whether you support, oppose, or are neutral in relation to the applications. If you are making a submission only on parts of an application for resource consent please note this when specifying the reasons for your submission.

The reasons for my/our submission are: _____ If you are attaching further information tick for yes

Please see attached.

Please use more pages if you need to.

I/we seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry (provide precise details including the nature of any conditions sought):

That the applications for the Turitea Wind Farm be granted consent, subject to appropriate conditions that are acceptable to Mighty River Power.

Use a clear tick in the appropriate box below (v)

I/we wish to be heard in respect of my/our submission (to speak at the public hearing)

I/we DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make my/our submission in writing only

Signature(s): Date: _____

(Signature of submitter, or person authorised to sign on their behalf is required. Note signature is not required for electronic (email) submissions. If this is a joint submission by two or more individuals, each individual's signature is required.)

Use the tick boxes below to indicate the called-in applications for resource consents that your submission concerns. Use a clear tick in the appropriate box or boxes (✓).

I/we make my/our submission concerning all applications for resource consents below

OR
My/our submission only concerns the applications for resource consents that I/we have ticked below:

	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council – Land Use Consents			
104553: for vegetation clearance and land disturbance in rare or threatened habitats, near streams and on highly erodible land throughout the general wind farm site.			
104554: for the construction of a double culvert in an un-named tributary of the Kahuterawa Stream as shown on the included map.			
Manawatu- Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council – Discharge Permits			
104555: for the discharge of dust to air from the concrete batching plants to be located as generally shown on the included map.			
104556: for the discharge of dust to air from the mobile crushing plant throughout the general wind farm site.			
104557: for the discharge of wastewater from two operations and maintenance facilities to land to be located as generally shown on the included map.			
104558: for the discharge of stormwater from substations to land to be located as generally shown on the included map.			
104559: for the discharge of cleanfill to land in the form of spoil disposal sites throughout the general wind farm site.			
104560: for the discharge of stormwater from roads, turbine platforms and other areas to land			
Palmerston North City Council – Land Use Consents			
RC0068: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to establish and operate a wind farm in the areas within the Palmerston North City jurisdiction as generally shown on the included map; to undertake earthworks associated with tracking and roading, turbine construction and associated buildings in the areas within the Palmerston North city jurisdiction as generally shown on the included map; for the western side of Pahiatua Aokautere Road not meeting access requirements at the location shown on the included map; for the storage of diesel (10,000 L) in bunded areas outside the Turitea water supply catchment, generally located at the two substation laydown areas shown on the included map, that exceeds the 0.2 effects ratio maximum in the rural zone; and for the construction of a 220 kV electricity transmission line and substations as shown on the included map. 			
Tararua District Council – Land Use Consents			
1448: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for a wind farm (which is not listed as a permitted or controlled activity) in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the attached map; for land disturbance of more than 200m³ of soil and cleanfill material associated with tracking and roading, turbine construction, spoil disposal and other associated works in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the attached map; for upgrades to South Range Road and the construction of new site access at the location shown on the attached map; for turbine and wind monitoring mast structures not meeting height requirements within the Tararua District; for the modification of a Significant Natural Feature in Schedule 3.3 (i.e. Tararua Ranges Ridgeline); for not meeting noise requirements; and for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the attached map. 			

Note: A copy of this submission form must also be sent to Mighty River Power Ltd at:

Freepost – MRP, Mighty River Power Ltd, PO Box 445, HAMILTON 3240

Attention: Stephanie Froggatt

Or email: turitea@mightyriver.co.nz or fax: (07) 857 0192

I/we have served a copy of my/our submission on the applicant per Section 96(4) of the RMA.

The reasons for my/our submission are:

We are submitting in support of the proposed Turitea Wind Farm. Our property is located on Kahuterawa Road and the transmission route that will connect the Turitea Wind Farm to the Linton Substation crosses through our property.

Our property has been in the family for 40 years and we have personally lived on the property since the early 1980's. The property is 200ha in size and is used for dairy support and beef.

The reasons for our submission are the following:

Electricity Demand:

We are aware of the pressures of growth on the electricity supply in New Zealand. It is our understanding that the demand for electricity in New Zealand grows at 2% every year. We personally enjoy having a reliable supply of electricity and we are sure that the vast majority of the community feels the same way. For us, we want to be able to turn on a light switch in 10 years time safe in the knowledge that the light will turn on.

Renewable Generation:

We are fully supportive of renewable generation and believe that the development of this type of electricity generation is the best option to meet the increases in New Zealand's electricity demand.

Wind generation is an infinite resource that is available in abundance in the Palmerston North area. It is our understanding that the wind resource in the Tararua Ranges is not only significant on a national scale, but is significant compared to wind resources available overseas.

We are supportive of Mighty River Power constructing a wind farm at Turitea, particularly in light of its intention to utilise the wind resource to the fullest extent possible.

Wind Energy Generation:

We see the key advantage of wind being that not only is the wind itself a free energy source, as technology advances over time and other generation options become available the wind farm can be removed. Electricity generation that utilises tidal and wave energy have potential as future sources of renewable electricity but presently these options are still being developed world-wide and are not as technically advanced or viable as wind generation.

Employment Opportunities:

The development of the Turitea Wind Farm will provide a large number of employment opportunities to the people of Palmerston North and surrounding areas. The construction of the wind farm will result in both direct employment on the wind farm site itself and employment with local contractors and businesses. We understand that Mighty River Power has a history of utilising local contractors where

possible. We fully support this approach which may in turn see job opportunities for our family.

We have ourselves been involved as fencing contractors (security fencing) in the construction of another wind farm in the Palmerston North area. The creation of similar opportunities for local contractors during the construction of the Turitea Wind Farm will be a real benefit to the community – particular during the current economic climate.

Ecopark Development:

We are fully supportive of the Palmerston North City Council developing the proposed Ecopark within the Turitea Reserve. As outdoors people, in particular trampers, we can see the benefits that the Turitea Wind Farm will have through the generation of funding for the Council to spend on Reserves in the area. These benefits include the enhancement of existing recreation areas, the development of the Ecopark and the opportunity to further develop the tourism potential of the area.

Mighty River Power:

We have confidence in Mighty River Power as a developer. As a developer they are responsible and have a very good environmental track record, something that we as farmers have a first hand appreciation for.

We also would like to note that a key advantage of Mighty River Power is that they are a State Owned Enterprise. Consequently any money generated from the Turitea Wind Farm will remain in New Zealand and not head offshore. Mighty River Power also has a history of getting involved in the community, particularly through community based sponsorships which could provide opportunities to the community that are not currently available.