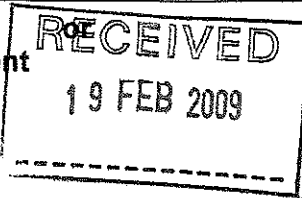


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SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT AND NOTICES OF REQUIRMENTS

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): Graeme Richfield and Erica Gee

Postal Address: 10 Rewarewa Road, C/- Tokamaru Postal Centre
Tokamaru 4864

Work Ph: _____ Home Ph: (06) 329 8649 Cell: 027 446 0086
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 Board of Inquiry grant resource consent to the Turitea Wind Farm, subject to appropriate conditions that are acceptable to Mighty River Power.

Please use more pages if you need to.

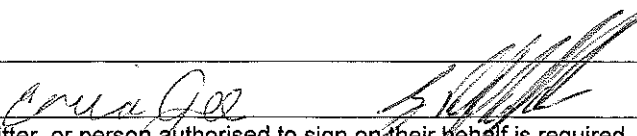
Use a clear tick in the appropriate box below (v)

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: 12-2-09


(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 would like to submit in support of the Turitea Wind Farm. We own 29 hectares of land on the southern side of the Pahiatua Track (WN58C/931). Part of the Turitea Wind Farm falls on our property and 2 turbines have been proposed on our property.

Although there are suitable building sites on the property there are currently no dwellings on it. We own and operate a dairy farm in Tokomaru approx 15km away and use the Pahiatua Track property as a run off and for replacement stock.

We have farmed the block of land for 8 years and can confirm, from our own personal experiences, that Palmerston North area, and in particular the nearby Tararura Ranges, has an excellent wind resource. We find that it is necessary to factor the extremes of fog, rain and wind in to our farming operations in the area. In our opinion generating renewable electricity from the abundant wind resource in the area is a good use for the peaks on our property, and on the surrounding land.

We are aware of the new generation wind turbines that have been installed at Trustpower's T3 extension and consider these turbines to be the quietest of all the existing turbines on the ridgeline. We therefore have no concerns that noise from the wind farm would have a detrimental effect on our neighbours provided the new generation turbines are used and the New Zealand sound standard (as required by the District Plan) is maintained at their dwellings. Most of our neighbours, by necessity, have planted wind breaks around their properties to protect them from the prevailing NW wind which will also reduce the potential noise effects on them.

We are supportive renewable energy projects whether they be wind, hydro, tidal, solar or geothermal, and believe that New Zealand is in a unique position to lead the rest of the world in this regard.

The Turitea Reserve is the water catchment for Palmerston North but it could also (with large injections of capital) become an ecopark for the preservation of threatened species. We believe that the income from the proposed wind farm places PNCC in a unique position to not only take some burden off ratepayers (from having additional funding for reserve management) but also to achieve an iconic ecopark providing project and research opportunities for Massey University and tourism opportunities for the community (in the parts of the reserve outside of the water supply catchment). Such an opportunity could also involve Forest & Bird, DOC and other service clubs in Palmerston North.

With all projects of this nature there is some disruption to the public during construction. We believe that with proper traffic management plans, a noise management plan and good project management the extent of any such disruptions will be kept to acceptable levels. Knowing Mighty River Power as we do we are confident with them as a developer and are aware of their strong commitment to sound environmental management practices.

In times of an economic downturn, the injection of several hundreds of millions of dollars into the Palmerston North economy that the project will provide will go a long way towards preserving and creating jobs, and maintaining confidence in the Palmerston North district.

With our dealings with Mighty River Power over the past 3 years we have confidence that they will prove to be a responsible and reliable developer with a genuine interest in the local community.