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SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

To: Freepost Call In Ministry for the Environment PO Box 10362 The Terrace Wellington 6143	RECEIVED 19 FEB 2009	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']
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This submission relates to the applications for resource consent 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)

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Please tick the relevant boxes on the next page to identify whether you are making a submission on all applications for resource consent 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 2 pages.

Very Simple
Concerns That a proposal / Project
of This Nature. has been allowed to
Proceed To This Stage

Please use more pages if you need to.

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

To Have The Project Set
aside in its proposed
Form.

Please use more pages if you need to.

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

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): John Whitelock **Date:** 16.2.09.

(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 consent 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 consent below

OR

My/our submission only concerns the applications for resource consent 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 Kahutērawa 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 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 included map for land disturbance of more than 200 m³ 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 included map for upgrades to South Range Road and the construction of new site access at the location shown on the included 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 (ie, Tararua Ranges Ridgeline) for not meeting noise requirements for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the included 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 sent a copy of my/our submission to Mighty River Power Ltd as per Section 96(4) of the RMA.



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Environment
Manatū Mo Te Taiao

New Zealand Government

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APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

"ATTACHMENT"

John Whitelock and the extended family continue to have long standing residency in the region, based principally on Dairy, mixed farming and residential occupancy within the confines of the Palmerston North City's rating area. We are 5th generation residents in the region and it is reasonable to state our future and that of our families is closely linked and embedded in the region under review.

In turn, it is our desire to have retained without disturbance the Tiritea Reserve and features of the adjacent ranges. Put simply, it has been a poor choice of site for the proposed Tiritea Wind Farm, embracing as it does the Tiritea Reserve.

This submission should not be taken as an objection to Wind Farms, on the contrary, they are a splendid way of generating power so long as vision and full account is taken of a chosen site.

In the application for the Tiritea Wind Farm there are some 60, 125 metre Turbines to be positioned in the Reserve, let's picture the huge foundation works aimed at placing these foreign objects in an area that has unique qualities. The scar they represent in the "face" of residents and the City is one that will remain for generations. No party is entitled to allow that imposition.

A matter of concern relates to the course that the Palmerston North City Council have followed regarding Rural Residential Subdivision, while it has been sound policy to allow such subdivisions at the base of the and into the Hills, on the less fertile country, these residents are now faced with the dilemma, alas the potential of a Wind Farm in their vicinity.

Place yourselves in that position and you will find personal concerns. Stretching from depreciated values of properties to peace of mind.

There are those who would say the region has on other sites quite heavy placement of Turbines closer to the Manawatu Gorge with many more to come. The region is playing its part in Wind Farm Power Generating contributing beyond local needs.

It is of note that the current Palmerston North City Council understandably are very environmentally conscious with a supporting population.

It is therefore extraordinary that the previous Council resolved to alter the status of the Tiritea Reserve, having regard to its Reserve features including being the principle source of the City WATER supply.

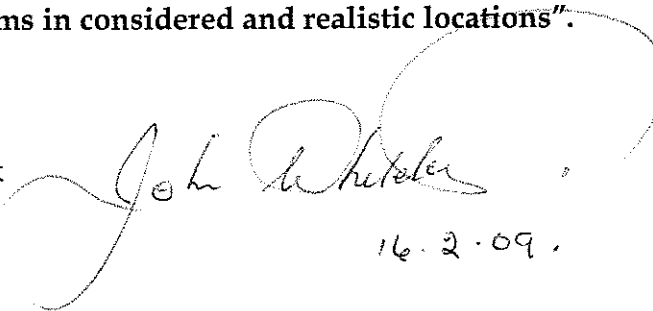
Equally, the Regional Council "Horizon's" whose responsibility it is to guard natural resources will need to uphold that principle in relation to the Mighty River Power intentions.

No doubt concerns regarding the proposal emanates from the lack of guidance either from Government or other responsible authorities regarding the siting of Wind Turbines/Farms.

The thrust of this request is for the panel to reject the application in its present form and is borne out of concern as set out above, and aimed to preserve those qualities that nature has provided us with, which can not be disregarded.

"All for Wind Farms in considered and realistic locations".

John M Whitelock



16.2.09.