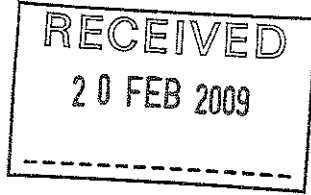


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I wish to be heard in respect of my submission.

Re consent Manawatu Wanganui (Horizons) Region Council – Land Use Consents

104553 I oppose the issue of this consent unless a regulation/rider is to be added to protect rare and threatened species in that if they need to be cleared they are carefully transferred to a nursery environment, looked after, and then replanted at the end of the construction process.. I don't believe that in this environment contractors should be working on highly erodible land.

Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council – Discharge permits

10455 What protection and monitoring will be in place to monitor the dust discharge to make sure it does not contaminate the water supply. Will the monitoring be done by an independent third person or will Mighty River Power do its own monitoring? What processes will be in place to maintain dampening down of the metal roading several times a day so that dust does not contaminate plants, air and water. ?

104557 What guarantees do Mighty River Power have in place to ensure that no leakage or overflow from the discharge of waste water will contaminate the city water supply or go into other natural waterways and catchments.

104559 What guarantee are Might River Power giving that the discharge of cleanfill land to spoil disposal sites is not going to block or otherwise interrupt the natural flow of water or ponding of water either in or through existing natural waterways. Do Mighty River Power have a project to replant these spoil sites with native trees.?

Palmerston North City Council – Land Use Consents.

RC0068: What guarantees are Mighty River Power putting in place to ensure that the bunded areas will not crack or overflow to allow seepage into the water supply and how regularly will they be maintained.?

Tararua District Council – Land Use Consents

1448 I do not believe that there has been sufficient co-operation with all interested local bodies, councils/public or whoever over the landscape issues and the continual march of the windmills on the Tararua ranges. Therefore the significant and natural feature of the Tararua Ranges ridgeline will continue to be compromised. The Power companies are driving proposals New Zealand wide for projects that have big noise issues and they are desperately trying to get as many consents in as short a time possible before any legislation might be produced by parliament that may limit the number of turbines in any one sector of the country or where they can be sited on natural landscape features.

From a very personal point of view, noise from these turbines is brushed off by the various power companies concerned as well as by all the people who are pro wind farms regardless of any issues.

Last year I was confined to home for several months and in that time I heard windmill noise on all day on several occasions. The noise made me more grumpy and very tired. There was no where that I could go to get away from it.

We had friends living in Woodville who we visited and every time we went there the noise was like a steam train that was going nowhere.

The noise our son and daughter in law hear from the turbines is present all the time other than on an exceptionally calm day. The difference in noise level when it is really calm is unbelievable.

It is to all of the Power Companies detriment that they will not own up to the fact that the noise from these machines can be heard further away than they are prepared to acknowledge.

I for one would definitely not go anywhere near the Turitea reserve to have my ears assaulted by the endless whoosh, whoosh, whoosh of the turbine blades.

The real reason for my submission is that until last year I really had no personal idea of the noise and the distance that could be affected by the turbines. I don't wish to put this onto others. We have built our homes where we have a long time before turbine power was even thought about. Why should we be the ones to compromise our living or be forced to sell and move.

There is no authority that can be turned to, to recover any decrease in property value . I believe the environment court should call a halt to the granting of any further windmill applications for this area until all the windmills for which consent has been granted are constructed and we can all see the visual impact that these are making **PLUS** those who are living in the immediate boundaries can hear the noise.

It is not as if I am against the project as a 'Not in my backyard" syndrome, but I believe there are other ways green issues of power and water can be addressed to help alleviate the need for generated electricity.;

Should the Board of Inquiry allow the resource consent I trust that it will publish a full document explaining to all submitters how each of their concerns has been addressed, what guarantees Mighty River Power have to give and the detail as to how processes are going to be monitored.