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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 OR 20 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: see attached sheet If you are attaching further information tick for yes

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):
see attached sheet (same as Reasons)

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): AR Renquist **Date:** 16-Feb-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

	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 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.



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

New Zealand Government

Submission to Ministry for the Environment on Mighty River Power Ltd Applications for Resource Consents for a Wind Farm in Turitea Reserve

The reasons for my submission:

I feel obliged to raise some concerns about the current project as in the consents. I am a very strong supporter of renewable energy, including wind turbines and have been happy to see the first two wind farms go up on the hills.

In that context I hope my objections will carry more weight than if I was completely opposed to all wind farms within my sight. My two main objections are to siting turbines within the Turitea Reserve and siting them quite close to homes without compensation.

How I am affected is that, as a member of the Palmerston North community, this is where my core values are actualised. These values include:

- 1) The primacy of a healthy natural environment in determining the long term health of people and the moral duty of people to live so as to keep it healthy and delivering ecosystem services for all life forms.
- 2) People's entitlement to enjoy their life through fulfilling their values and not having them abused.

The ways I apply these values to the issue of the Mighty River Power wind farm are:

- 1) the risk to a key ecosystem service, clean water delivery, from the Turitea Reserve watershed, a reserve created for that primary purpose. The proposed road works and associated industrial development in the reserve really offends my sense of reasonable risk and provokes my need to take a stand in defence of my values.
- 2) I feel the model of turbine chosen is so very large that it is inappropriate to impose them on people by locating them so closely. It is an affront to my sense of fairness to hear that turbines will be placed without following clear and publicly agreed guidelines as to distance for each size class, noise rating, and appropriate compensation. These should be set by central government with public consultation. Making close neighbours into winners or losers who are either given good financial compensation or none runs against natural justice and bothers me very much.

I seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry:

Reduce the number of turbines in the project by:

eliminating all sites within the Turitea Reserve, unless a few sites can be clearly shown to be outside the watershed and also have no lasting effect on vegetation, such as on-going dieback from wind exposure, after opening the canopy during construction; and

eliminating or delaying the siting of the turbines closest to residences until national guidelines are agreed and people so affected are compensated according to such guidelines.

I wish to speak to these concerns. A R Renquist

