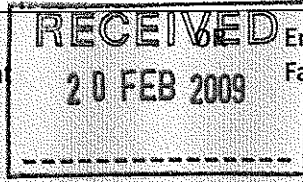


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SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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



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 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)

My/Our Full Name(s): Rosemary Elizabeth THORNTON

Postal Address: 39 Guyland Drive, RD4, Palmerston North

Work Ph: Home Ph: (06) 3540724 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 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

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):

To turn down this application from Mighty River Power for resource consent to build windmills.

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): R E Thornton

Date: 14/2/09

(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.)



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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 |
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| 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.



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New Zealand Government

R.E. Thornton
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Ngahere Park,
Palmerston North

(06 3540724)

12th February 2009

Dear Sir,

I oppose the application for the resource consent lodged by Mighty River Power Ltd for the Turitea Wind Farm.

I am a 56year old housewife. This means I spend most of my time in and around our home, its gardens and its five acres. The windfarm is within 2 kms of our property, the closest turbines are nos 75 – 88. The view from our property is wonderful in all directions. Mike Omer from Mighty River Power come up to take pictures from our deck to try and show us how the windmills would look with a made up picture montage. I see he hasn't come back with it, guess it illustrates just how bad its going to be for us. He said how wonderful our views were. We built our house four years ago and raise beef and sheep for the freezer.

1. The proposed site is too near houses. It will cause a lot of problems for a lot of people and the cost in health and stress for those affected is unacceptable. Beware that in the future there could be claims against the government or Mighty River Power Ltd for the adverse health affects. (a) There will be the noise from the turbines. Part of Mighty River Power Ltd applications is for not meeting noise requirements. I heard Mike Omer trying to tell one man that they could minimise this affect by turning the windmill blades slightly to another direction. This made me laugh because he obviously knew nothing about the valley that the windmills would affect the most. The wind swirls and comes to different houses in different directions. Fixing it for one would not fix it for another. Also it is such a quiet valley that you can almost hear the words of someone whispering from a long way off. Sound will carry very easily there. (b) The tallness of the proposed windmills would force them to be in your face and dominate everything that you look at. This application from Mighty River Power Ltd comes under the application for structures not meeting height requirements and Modification of a SIGNIFICANT NATURAL FEATURE. They will dominate the local scenery and although that wont worry Mighty River Power Ltd, it will cause stress for those living close. (c) The strobe affect from the blades of the wind mills will be as bad as the other health affecting problems. This the people closest will have to deal with every morning and every night on sunny days. The sun rises right behind the wind farm site and sets directly opposite. This will be more costly to health than anything else. It would be close to torture.

2. The proposed wind farm will end any natural view of the ranges from Palmerston North. Wind mills will dominate the sky line from Ashurst to Tokomaru and that is unacceptable. This also comes under the application from Mighty River Power Ltd for Modification of a SIGNIFICANT NATURAL FEATURE. We should not have to bear the brunt of poor management from the government in allocating acceptable levels of wind mill occupation. The government should be forcing companies like Mighty River Power Ltd to step up and pay out for the newest form of harvesting the wind in the form of wind mill tunnels. Mighty River Power Ltd is in for the money not the good deed. There are many other sites with as much wind as the proposed site but would cost more for Mighty River Power Ltd to exploit so are just using muggins Palmerston North.

3. As for the making of roads into the hills and valleys and Turitea Reserve and the clearing of vegetation and all that goes with erecting the Wind Farm, the cost to the ecology will be very high. Mighty River Power Ltd will tell us how good they will be at putting everything back to the way it was before they forced their Wind farm on us but we all know that wont be possible. If its taken 100 years to grow a little shrub up on the ridge and its ripped out, how long will it take for a new one to take its place. The safest way is to not let this resource consent to be granted and then we wont have to deal with the after affects. Also I have seen the Turitea stream run yellow with just a little disturbance upstream, I hate to think what

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. This includes not only sales and purchases but also any other financial activities that may occur. It is essential to ensure that all entries are properly documented and supported by appropriate evidence.

In addition, the document emphasizes the need for regular reconciliation of accounts. This process involves comparing the company's internal records with external statements, such as bank statements or supplier invoices, to identify any discrepancies. Promptly addressing these differences helps to prevent errors and ensures the integrity of the financial data.

Finally, the document highlights the significance of maintaining up-to-date financial statements. These statements provide a clear and concise overview of the company's financial performance over a specific period. They are crucial for internal decision-making and for providing transparency to stakeholders, including investors and creditors.

it will look like once Mighty River Power Ltd start their roads and turbine constructions. The people of Palmerston North have a right to clean water, that wont happen once the catchment area is disturbed. Many people use the roads around Turitea valley as their exercise and training ground. We shouldn't be putting windmills into this area.

4. In the future, if global warming happens as the experts say it will then Palmerston North city will need to expand to higher ground. This area which Mighty River Power wish to put their windfarm on is the only area left that this expansion could go to. Of course the reason given for the windfarm is global warming but as stated before there are plenty of other places to put wind farms that wont impact so hugely on so many lives as this one would, and take away so much peace and quiet.

The decision for the Board of Inquiry to make is obvious, say NO to the proposed Turitea Wind Farm.

Yours faithfully,

R E Thornto

