

SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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[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)

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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

AS 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 DECLINES IN FULL MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATION(S) FOR A RESOURCE CONSENT

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): M.H. Feyen M.H. FEYEN

Date: 17-02-09

(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 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 Mōi Te Taiao

New Zealand Government

17TH February, 2009

INTRODUCTION

I WISH TO SPEAK TO MY TURITEA WINDFARM SUBMISSION.

My Name is Michael Feyen. I am 51 years old and a born and bred Palmerstonian. I still reside in Palmerston North at 3 Lewis Place. I operate an award winning business (Footprints) which is tourism, conference and events based. I socialize and work extensively in the Tararua Ranges and have supplied thousands of people, from all walks of life, positive and natural experiences using this area in a number of different ways.

I am a current Palmerston North City Councillor representing the Takaro Ward and initially became involved with local body politics directly as a result of the Palmerston North City Councils original application to change the status of the Turitea Reserve to allow developments such as industrial wind-farms.

I am personally a supporter of industrial wind farm generated electricity, but I also believe that our regions (Manawatu' and Tararua Districts) contribution to this cause, at a national level, is now high enough with the existing wind powered industrial parks already in operation or close to completion in terms of construction and those that have been consented to but are yet to be constructed. We, as a district, are losing a sense of balance and have quickly become over represented in terms of industrial wind-farm developments that are better suited to being strategically placed over other parts of the country to share the national load and to be closer to the actual point of use.

I am hugely worried at the possibility of there literally being no untouched Tararua Ranges left in our city catchment if this application is consented to. The cumulative effect of so many turbines on the Tararua Ranges around Palmerston North is completely out of balance and I believe will have an effect on future generations in terms of the lack of green space around the city on the Tararua Ranges.

My areas of concern on which I wish to be heard include:-

- the **cumulative visual effects** on the Tararua Ranges
- **noise** frequencies that will affect those who live in the vicinity of the proposed turbines.
- the **social impact** of completing the coverage of the Tararua Ranges if the Turitea Windfarm goes ahead.
- general visual impacts
- the concern that there are **no** national or Regional best practice guidelines in place relating to the siting and operation of wind-farms.
- the lack of full information and disclosure provided by developers to the public and Palmerston North City Council.
- the traffic and roading impacts on existing residents



- My ecological concerns regarding the tributaries that leads from this development and into the Manawatu River system in general in terms of sediment run-off from roading and construction. Also the industrialization of the city's water reserve (The Turitea water catchment)
- The failure of R.M.A to adequately cater for these types of developments.
- The perception for many, of a conflict of interest on the part of the Government. IE. Government owned profit making SOEs who can establish wind-farm developments. If the government owns a development, and sets energy and electricity policies and targets, and sets the standards for Resource Management Act consents, and has no best practice guidelines relating specifically to Windfarm developments, HOW IS THIS INDEPEDANT? How can members of the public believe and trust the fact that they are being protected by the RMA? It is patently clear that we as a city stand to lose our entire ranges environment and there is seemingly little protection for districts who have allowed electricity companies to get a 'toe in the door'. Will the door ever be able to be closed again?
- This Mighty River Power proposal is also contrary to a large number of the objectives and policies of the Palmerston North City District Plan and the Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Plan, indicating that in its current forms it is inappropriate for the site.

I oppose Mighty River Power Ltd's application(s) in its entirety.

NOTE

I will provide up to 10 photographs to the Board of Inquiry on the date I have an opportunity to speak. The photographs will be on a regular computer disc.

Regards and Thanks

Michael Feyen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Feyen', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.