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SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD

APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

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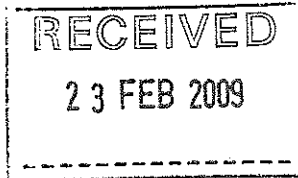
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I am submitting in respect of all of the Resource Consent applications listed in the application and on the MfE form, as follows:

Horizons Regional Council

Land use consents - 104553, 104554

Discharge permits - 104555, 104556, 104557, 104558, 104559, 104560

Palmerston North City Council

Land use consents - RC0068

Tararua District Council

Land use consents - 1448

I oppose the applications.

I wish to be heard in respect of my submission.

Reasons for my views

I have lived in Palmerston North since August 1969. I have lived at Aokautere Drive since March 2001. I have been one of the two elected City Councillors for the Ashhurst-Fitzherbert Ward since October 2007.

My wife and I live at the above address. As I have recently retired from career activity I am spending more of my time at and near home and therefore am expecting to enjoy the views of the Tararua range more frequently. We are actively encouraging the re-establishment of native flora on our property for its own beauty and because it supports many native bird species.

I travel on Aokautere Drive, both north and south of my home, and on Summerhill Drive, for two or more journeys on most days. As both Ashhurst and Linton are included in my Ward I

travel along Fitzherbert East Road, Aokautere Drive, Turitea Road, and Old West Road (parallel to the Tararua range between the Manawatu Gorge and Linton) frequently.

I have run one way, or both ways, the length of Old West Road literally thousands of times in the past 30 years, and have run "the Dam Block" (Old West Road, Kahuterawa Road, Greens Road, and Turitea Road) on many occasions.

My wife and I walk to and from the supermarket and restaurants in the Summerhill shopping centre. In addition, we cycle between our home and various parts of the city as commuters or for exercise. We see the Tararua Range (between the Manawatu Gorge and Turitea Reserve) from our house and on the 250m walk to the mailbox.

Accordingly, the Tararua Range within the city boundary, and in particular the Turitea area (between the Pahiatua Track and Hardings Park) are an integral part of the amenity value of our residence and daily lives.

Proposed turbine site number 0088 appears to be the closest to my home and normal travel routes, except when I run along Turitea Road or the other roads in the Dam Block.

All of these things mean that I am concerned about the cumulative visual effect of yet another wind farm being established in my neighbourhood.

Further, I am concerned about the risk to the water supply for the city. Although I note that the application for the bulk storage of 10000 litres of diesel fuel at two sites provides for this to be outside of the catchment area, a great deal of earthworks, and construction are planned for the catchment area with the danger of diesel spills, and sediment run-off.

The sheer amount of earthworks and vegetation removal is a concern.

In my dealings with Ashhurst residents I have become aware of the noise and light/visual effects from the Tararua and Te Apiti turbines. While this is not something which can be addressed in relation to the Turitea application, the proximity of proposed turbines to existing homes is another concern for me.

In addition to these concerns is my anxiety that Mighty River Power Ltd and its consultants demonstrate very little attention to detail or care to get their information to accord with known facts. We need to form an opinion about the skill of people (the applicant and its witnesses) based on the things we personally know to be true, and thus develop a level of trust about the things which we do not have the personal skill to know in detail.

A few examples will suffice. In the Application and AEE document (page v) the address of Horizons Regional Council is shown as 11-15 Victoria Street, when the address is in Victoria **Avenue**. At page viii the Palmerston North City Council address is shown as 32 The square, which should be 32 The **Square**. And in the AEE, Appendix K1 – Landscape Report Viewpoints, Viewpoint 4 shows the location as being Turitea Road south of Aokautere Road, while the correct name is Aokautere **Drive**. Viewpoint 6 shows the location as being Aokautere Drive. This page has a map indicating the location of the photograph as being beside the Pahiatua-Aokautere Road, when a site inspection will show that the photo was taken from a location about 1.3 direct line kilometres southwest of that road.

Decision sought from the Board of Inquiry

I seek a decision of decline of all aspects of the application. This will not require conditions.