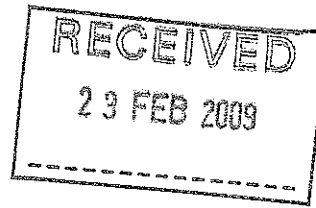


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**Mighty River Power Application for planning consent.**

I wish to make an oral submission to support these comments.

I have lived in the Palmerston North area for 46 years and lived together with my wife of 44 years, Jenny, at our current address for more than 35 years. Our property is in the rural area between the urban area of Palmerston North and Ashhurst. We therefore live on the opposite side of the river to the proposed wind farm. In the time we have lived here we have planted trees and gardens extensively for pleasure and enjoyment. We enjoy the environment that we live in.

I did put in a submission supporting Te Apiti wind farm. I think my Ashhurst friends have forgiven me for doing that. They consistently remind me of the noise from those windmills. We do from time to time hear the noise from wind mills at our home. We have no way of knowing which wind farm the noise is coming from.

We would live more than five kilometres, from Tararua Wind Farm, the closest to us. Our tree barrier does not eliminate the noise.

I am employed as an accountant in Palmerston North working on the fourth floor of a central city building. The Tararua and Te Apiti towers only look like sticks from my desk. The Tiritea Towers will be very imposing as they look down on the city..

There are already 200 windmills erected with a further 140 consented. Is that not enough for our community to have. A MRP staff member at one of their earlier presentations at the convention centre admitted to me that the windmills would be heard in the city. He said that it would only be about the same volume of street traffic but what he failed to say was that the noise from the windmills would be constant 24/7 as long as the windmills were turning. Yes, we live in the windy Manawatu but is that the reason why we should be loaded with all these towers - they could be erected in less imposing parts of the country. I did hear at the time that Te Apiti was being erected that an engineer with the manufacturers in Denmark, on visiting the site, stated that the Te Apiti site was in fact too windy for their equipment. I understand that the need for maintenance has been accelerated because of this. Part of the noise problem is the wearing of the gearing of the generating equipment in the towers. The Tiritea towers will be much taller and the strain from the wind will be greater.

Aside from the visual and noise problems I have a major concern about earth works - the moving of any soil. A number of the towers are proposed to be erected in the Tiritea Reserve. Just the moving of one sod has the potential of damaging the city's water supply. No we don't use the city water at our home but I do drink the city water at work. There are a number of towers proposed within the reserve together with the roadways leading to those towers and this has a huge potential for dirty water from heavy falls of rain - we do get them, and probably more in the future - to get into the sources of water that supply the city. Some may argue that the water could

be cleaned but at what cost and why put the possible problem there in the first place. Then of course there is the removal of vegetation in a reserve to get to these tower sites and for the sites themselves. As I understand the potential life span of each tower is only twenty five years. Therefore there will be further disturbance to the environment at that time let alone the maintenance in the meantime.

There is only one outcome that I wish is for all these applications - that they to be declined in full.

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