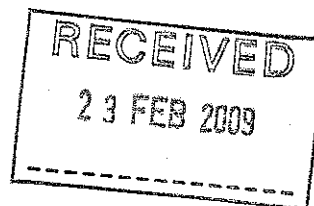


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Submission on Mighty River Power Ltd applications for Resource Consent.

We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

Members of the Board:

We reside and work in Palmerston North, having made it our home for the past nine years. We aim to continue making it our home and as such wish to express our views on the proposal you have been asked to make the decision on. We cannot see the ranges from our home, but of course we see them routinely when out walking and from various locations around the city. We are concerned about the natural values of the Turitea Reserve, and the fact that it is our primary and most cost-effective water supply. In the past we have supported wind farms, and continue to support appropriately located proposals, but we are totally opposed to this proposal.

We recommend that the board deny resource consent to Might River Power Ltd. in this matter, including all related consent applications lodged with Regional, District, and City Councils, for all turbine sites proposed within the Turitea Reserve. Furthermore, we oppose any incursion on the Turitea Reserve that may arise from turbines being positioned on the privately owned parts of the proposed wind farm, including any proposed turbine sites which drain into the water supply catchment, or which are close to the same such that earth works may impinge on the catchment.

The primary reason for our position is that the use of nature reserves (even local purpose nature reserves with additional purposes) for large scale, wind driven power stations is fundamentally unnatural; and as such is inappropriate. The construction of the concrete bases required for the windmills and associated roads would also be directly damaging to the regenerated bush, with edge effects causing canopy damage, and erosion. The proposed storage of chemicals and fuel on site is also of concern due to the enhanced risk of fire in the catchment. A further concern is the construction of transmission lines and associated bush clearance and access roading for this as this would require removal of vegetation. Many sites border on the Turitea Reserve and private land. E.g. sites 56 and 71. In this case consent should not be granted as they may end up within the reserve. Sites adjacent e.g. 75, 76, 77, 133 should also be denied as they will inevitably have works and additional edge impacts on the Reserve.

Secondary reasons for our position include that we believe it poses as small but real risk of significant compromise to the water catchment purpose of the reserve, including its capacity and quality. The dozens of hectares of roads and works that would be built and maintained in the reserve, the markedly increased vehicle and human traffic, and importation of chemicals and foreign biological materials such as weed seeds, would all greatly increase the risk of

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adverse impacts on this Reserve and its water catchment purpose. Given the many contractors required for this project, this risk will be difficult for Mighty River Power to prevent.

The visual cumulative effect is also of concern since we in the Manawatu have already given up enough of our skyline to the nation's renewable energy needs. We are opposed to losing what stands to be our only remaining open ridgeline visible from the city and surrounds.

We have been concerned about the process followed from the time that the PNCC announced their intention to collaborate with Mighty River Power on a proposed Windfarm involving the Turitea Reserve. Although they were found to have followed due process we believe that The Council was negligent and failed to respond to the community in the first instance, in that the majority of submissions made regards the purpose were in opposition. In particular, the trend in submissions indicated a rapid collapse of support for the change in purpose of the last two weeks of that process, as more information on the scale and scope of the changes proposed were evidenced in the community.

To meet New Zealand's future energy requirements other options should be explored, for example solar panels would make a significant contribute at a household level.

A copy of this submission has been sent to Mighty River Power Ltd at <turitea@mightyriver.co.nz>.

Sincerely,

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