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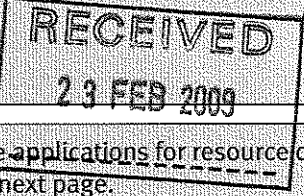
SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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

OR 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): Phillip Craig Piper

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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

Please refer to attached page

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):

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):

Date: 16/Feb/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

	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.



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Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

New Zealand Government

15th. Feb. 09

My name is Phillip Craig Piper and I am a retired, married businessman. My wife and I brought our life style block some 8years ago. At this time the land was just a hill covered in gorse and scrub, but we fell in love with it immediately. The quite solitude and privacy, and lack of transmission pylons and cables etc. won us over.

After having our house built, we have spent the last 6 years breaking in the land, putting up fences for stock, landscaping around the house and clearing more gorse.

We have worked and planned all our lives to be able to enjoy a specific life style.

Following a number of visits to view the Wind Turbines in operation, as well as visits to the Tararua ranges where the proposed Tiritea Wind farm is to be sighted and a visit to the Tiritea Dam and surrounding reserve I have grave concerns on a number of issues.

Don't get me wrong, I am in favour of renewable energy and believe Wind Turbines are one of a number of ways in which to generate said energy.

Having said that, I believe that there must be limits, and controls in place to prevent the ludicrous saturation and pollution of such a wonderful environment in which we currently live and enjoy.

My concerns with the Tiritea Wind farm centre primarily on the visual, sound and vibration pollution being introduced to this wonderful reserve and valley habitat. Also the short, medium, and long term effects of the construction processes. Eg. Sediment pollution of the Turitea Dam and or it's tributaries as well as the surrounding native bush and trees etc.

Of particular concern are all Wind Turbines within the confines of the Tiritea reserve, it is a reserve and should be preserved and kept in its natural state. Also any Wind Turbine within 4 km. of any home is to close.

My objections to the formation of a Wind farm are as follows:

- Visual. With some 140 approved wind turbine sights still to be built along the range, I find it unbelievable that there is a proposal to place another 122 even larger Turbines there as well.
The visual impact of the Turbines as evidenced from Palmerston North and around Ashurst is impossible to dismiss.
- Sound. There is no question that this is a very real concern. After paying visits to the Ashurst domain and listening to many people through TAG and FOTR the issue of just how close is to close rises again.
The constant noise from the Turbine blades very quickly becomes overpowering, especially at night. One of our biggest reasons for building in the Tiritea vally was the peace and quite.
- Vibration. This is felt the moment you come close to a Wind Turbine. Also the effect of the sound and vibration together when one lays their head down on a pillow. The hum that is emitted from the ground into a dwelling must be considered.

Yours Faithfully

P.C.Piper

