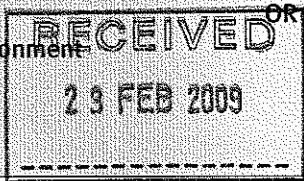


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SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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



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): Murray Lester Field

Postal Address: 156 Pahiatua Track Palmerston North

Work Ph: _____ Home Ph: 06 3572900 Cell: 0274400846

Work Fax: _____ Home Fax: _____ Email: _____

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 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): M L Field

Date: 19 February 2009

(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.)



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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. 	✓		
Taranua 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 Taranua 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 Taranua 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 Taranua District for the modification of a Significant Natural Feature in Schedule 3.3 (ie, Taranua Ranges Ridgeline) for not meeting noise requirements for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Taranua 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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The reasons for my/our submission are:

I would like to submit in support of the Turitea windfarm.

My house is located on the Pahiatua Track approximately 2-3km from the proposed turbines. I have lived on the Pahiatua Track on and off for 66 years.

I am a civil contractor working mainly in the Manawatu district for Regional Authorities.

Having lived in Palmerston North most of my life I can vouch for the strength of the wind in the area. The presence of existing windfarms is testament to this. It is therefore understandable that windfarm developers want to make use of this resource and erect further turbines along the undeveloped ridges. I consider this an excellent use of the resource and am a strong supporter of renewable energy projects such as this.

The larger style turbines (as proposed for Turitea) already erected on the ridgelines are graceful structures and add a pleasant aspect to the landscape. They are much more preferable to a nuclear or fossil fuel generating plant and are entirely removable should an alternative generating source be available at the end of their economic life.

Being a civil contractor I can see the benefit of such a large project in the area. According to Mighty River Power literature it will bring in approx \$150m during construction and provide up to 300 jobs at a time when the district desperately needs them.

I have been involved in constructing roads and have experience dealing with objectors to such projects. They appear to be against any form of progress and do not represent the popular view. The groups formed to stop the construction of the Turitea windfarm in my opinion fall into this same group. They are a local minority driven by their own self interests and do not represent a community-wide view of the development.

The ongoing yearly revenue stream of approx \$1.9m to the Palmerston North City Council as owners of the reserve will help to create an Eco Park concept that will benefit the area by reintroducing native birds for all to enjoy. A concept that I am fully supportive of.

New Zealand needs more renewable energy projects such as this one which has my full support. I look forward to seeing more graceful turbines from my property.

