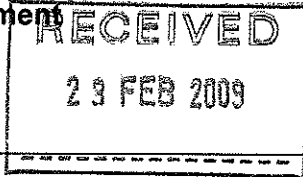


SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT AND NOTICES OF REQUIRMENTS

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[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 consents 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): Mark Nicholls

Postal Address: 311 South Range Road
PO Box 5006 Palmerston North

Work Ph: _____ Home Ph: _____ Cell: 0274 533850

Please tick the relevant boxes on the next page to identify whether you are making a submission on all applications for resource consents 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 see attached.

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):

That the Board of Inquiry grant resource consent to the Turitea Wind Farm, subject to appropriate conditions that are acceptable to Mighty River Power.

Please use more pages if you need to.

Use a clear tick in the appropriate box below (v)

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: 19/2/09

(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 consents 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 consents below

OR

My/our submission **only** concerns the applications for resource consents 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; and 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 attached map; for land disturbance of more than 200m³ 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 attached map; for upgrades to South Range Road and the construction of new site access at the location shown on the attached 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 (i.e. Tararua Ranges Ridgeline); for not meeting noise requirements; and for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the attached 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 served a copy of my/our submission on the applicant per Section 96(4) of the RMA.

Reasons for my submission are:

I am submitting in support of the proposed Turitea Wind Farm.

I own and live on a 33ha property on South Range Road. I have owned this property since 1995 and one of the proposed wind turbines are located on my property.

My reasons for my submission are these:

Renewable Energy:

I am supportive of renewable electricity generation. My property has been "off" the national grid since 1995 and has been powered by my own 500w wind turbine generator. I also run a business called Ecowise Energy Ltd which specialises in renewable domestic installations such as solar panels and wind turbine generators.

The proposed Turitea Wind Farm will make use of the abundant wind resource present in the Tararua Ranges which has one of the highest wind runs in the world. I believe that the Turitea Wind Farm presents a very real and practical way of harnessing this resource for renewable power generation.

Tourism Opportunities:

I am involved in the Tararua Tourism movement which seeks to enhance the Tararua district through the development of tourism opportunities.

The wind farms of the Manawatu have provided a unique selling point for the region which has in turn provided tourism opportunities. For example, the AA has ranked the Te Apiti Wind Farm Lookout in the top 10 "must do's" in the 101 Must-Do's for the Manawatu and operators such as Go 4 Wheels make use of the turbines in one of their signature quad bike tours the "Turbines to Tui" tour.

The Turitea Wind Farm will have the potential to further enhance the tourism opportunities in the area. In addition to enhancing the "turbine attraction" of the Manawatu, the wind farm will provide funding for the Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) to develop an ecopark within the Turitea Reserve.

Ecology:

There is a potential for the ecopark to become another "Mount Bruce" where through intensive pest control species can be reintroduced. The advantages of the Mount Bruce model is that the restoration of an area can be achieved through pest control and provides an opportunity for locally extinct species to be reintroduced.

In addition to Ecowise Energy Ltd, I also have my own ecopark business on my South Range Road property called Up Top Ventures. I have been using eco-principles to turn this property in to an ecopark venture and a large majority of the 33ha property is regenerating native bush. As the proposed PNCC ecopark is consistent with my own activities I am fully supportive of this proposal.

I am also fully supportive of the 70ha of native revegetation of the existing/former Council pine plantation areas that has been proposed by Mighty River Power. This will enhance the green corridor opportunities for wild life.

Business Opportunities:

I have had first hand experience working on a wind farm (Tatarua) in the local area through one of my business endeavours Need-a-Hand Contracting. The proposed Turitea Wind Farm will provide similar employment and business opportunities to local contractors that were made available during the construction of the other wind farms on the Range. These opportunities are important given the current economic climate.

Traffic Improvements:

The proposed improvements to the South Range Road-Pahiatua Track intersection also have my full support. The existing intersection is located at the summit and has poor visibility, particularly from the Pahiatua side where the sight distance is less than 50m. In short, the intersection is dangerous and I have contacted PNCC on a number of occasions but no corrective action has been undertaken. I consider that Mighty River Power's proposed relocation of this intersection west of the summit to extend the sight distances to over 100m in each direction as a positive to both the residents of South Range Road and to road users on the Pahiatua Track.

Mighty River Power:

Mighty River Power has my support as the developer of the Turitea Wind Farm. I have had good dealings with the company and it has historically had a very good environmental record.

I would like to see resource consent granted for the Turitea Wind Farm to ensure that the many advantages of the wind farm come to fruition.