

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

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RECEIVED 23 FEB 2009		[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): Graham Glanville GERKE

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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 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 use more pages if you need to.

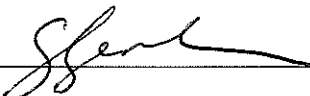
I/we seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry (provide precise details including the nature of any conditions sought):

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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:

Freeport – 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/our submission are:

I would like to submit in support of the Turitea Wind Farm. I own a property located adjacent to Browns Flat and the external transmission line that will connect the proposed wind farm to the Linton Substation crosses over my land.

My property consists of two distinct sections. The front section is a more sheltered and flatter area that I am seeking to and working towards subdividing. The back section is much higher and subjected to more of the prevailing winds. This back section backs on to the wind farm and includes a bush block that covers over 30 acres of land.

I have owned this property for the past 20 years and lived locally in the Manawatu area prior to purchasing this property. I also owned 120 acres on South Range Road for a period of four years before selling it to the current owners who are part of the proposed wind farm. The South Range Road block was subjected to stronger winds than where I am now as it is at a higher elevation and more exposed. During my time farming this block I observed different animal behaviours than I have seen elsewhere. One such example of this is that my sheep used to graze the bottom of the gullies in windy conditions and when less windy they tended to favour the slopes and areas outside of the gullies.

As outlined above I have had extensive personal experience with the wind resource in this area and can attest to its strength and consistency. I believe that this area is a good place for a wind farm and to not develop it would be a shame. I also believe that Mighty River Power is the right developer for this wind farm as they are a reliable power generator/developer and the profits will stay in New Zealand. All my dealings with them to date have been to my entire satisfaction.

I am supportive of the development of renewable electricity generation to meet the future electricity demand in New Zealand. The Turitea Wind Farm will also be advantage to the Manawatu as it will create additional jobs and opportunities for the community that are not currently available.

I would like to see resource consent granted for the Turitea Wind Farm.