

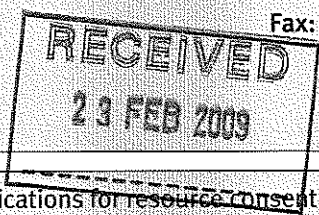
SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

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): JANET LANG

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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

Noise, Visuals, Scale, Sustainability
Lack of consultation, see attached sheet for more details

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):

I oppose the WindFarm

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): J Lang Date: 15/2/09

(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 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:

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 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 Mo Te Taiao

New Zealand Government

Submission on Mighty River Power Ltd, Application for Resource Consent.

Attachment to my Submission in answer to “the reasons for my submission are;”

I am opposing MRP Application on the following grounds and I would like to be able to read my full submission at the Environment Court, at which point I will expand on all the following reasons for my opposing submission.

I intend to describe in detail to the Court what the effect of this proposed windfarm will have on the quality of life that I presently enjoy in my home. Having read through the information provided by MRP and by the Council I am deeply concerned about the impact this Windfarm will have not only on myself and my family, but on the whole of the region in general.

When I speak on my submission at The Environment Court, I will talk about the following issues;

- **The visual impact on the environment.** The potential adverse visual effect of this windfarm, will seriously contribute to a negative cumulative visual impact on the whole of the region’s landscape. That the Tararua range, and the Turitea Reserve, are special features to the region; that they form a unique part of the backdrop to our city. I will describe in detail and provide photographic evidence of the impact of the windfarm on myself and my property. The visual impact on the city and the approach to our city.
- **The size of the proposed turbines and the scale of the windfarm** is extraordinary, even by world standards. This is indeed a heavy burden to put upon a region that has already heavily invested in windfarms. I will look at findings regarding the future planning of sites for windfarms from abroad, especially in Europe.
- **The contribution to sustainability that our region and our city are already making** to the country [and the planet!] The fact that the region already has or has given permission for, 366 turbines.
- **The environmental effect this windfarm** will have, especially to the Turitea reserve. On the flora and the fauna, given the special nature of the reserve, in an extremely exposed location. I will speak on the **wind burn effect** on the forest canopy once trees have been removed. I will speak about my concerns of the **water quality**, especially on the issue of silting and the build up of deposits in the dam.

- The **potential impact of noise**. I will speak of the lack of conclusive information on this subject and ask how permission for the building of such a large windfarm can be granted in the lack of reassuring evidence. I will speak of my concerns regarding the proposed acceptable decibel readings for the turbines. How I think the evidence for such acceptance is in need of review and ask if it is appropriate for a rural setting, especially at night. I will speak about my concerns of the cumulative impact of 122 120 metre turbines.
- I wish to question the MRP collection of data regarding **the dominate wind direction** along the Kahuterawa Valley
- I am concerned about the lack of **consulatation with local iwi**. I ask if a hui was called by MRP to consult with iwi regarding the windfarm [If not why not?] As a Pakeha, I find the lack of consultation an embarrassment and a blatant example of 19th century style colonialism.
- The **potential impact on the safety** and convenience of myself, my family, my immediate community and citizens of Palmerston North, around the use of Kahuterawa Rd, due to the fact that it will be used as an access road to development of the southern end of the windfarm. I am concerned that the building of the windfarm will take much longer than the 3 years proposed and I will present questions for the Court to consider regarding some scenarios not presented by MRP, that could have a protracted impact on the Kahuterawa Valley.
- I will question the **practicalities of monitoring** all the construction statistics surrounding the development of the windfarm. I will ask that the Environment court consider who and how this will be done.
- I am concerned about **the water quality in our reservoir**, from the earthworks, run off from spoil hills and dust from construction vehicles.
- I am confused as to the nature of the **planned Eco Park**, and wish to ask why clear planning information is not available to me.