

# SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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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 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)

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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   
1. The Turitea Reserve should not be used for a wind farm  
2. The saturation of the Tararua Ranges with wind ~~with~~ turbines  
3. Safety concerns on Kahuterawa Road during construction of wind ~~turbines~~ turbines  
4. Discharge of stormwater and cleanfill from wind farm site.  
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):  
• Wind farm will not be constructed in the Turitea Reserve.  
• The Tararua Ranges as a significant landscape will be protected  
• IF a wind farm proceeds Kahuterawa Road will be upgraded.  
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).

We DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make (my) our submission in writing only.

Signature(s): Adriett 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 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
<b>Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council – Land-use Consents</b>			
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.			✓
<b>Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council – Discharge Permits</b>			
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.		✓	<del>✓</del>
104558: for the discharge of stormwater from substations to land to be located as generally shown on the included map.		✓	<del>✓</del>
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.		✓	
<b>Palmerston North City Council – Land-use Consents</b>			
RC0068: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to establish and operate a wind farm in the areas within the Palmerston North city jurisdiction as generally shown on the included map</li> <li>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</li> <li>for the western side of Pahiatua Aokautere Road not meeting access requirements at the location shown on the included map</li> <li>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</li> <li>for the construction of a 220 kV electricity transmission line and substations as shown on the included map.</li> </ul>		✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓
<b>Tararua District Council – Land-use Consents</b>			
1448: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>for land disturbance of more than 200 m<sup>3</sup> 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</li> <li>for upgrades to South Range Road and the construction of new site access at the location shown on the included map</li> <li>for turbine and wind monitoring mast structures not meeting height requirements within the Tararua District</li> <li>for the modification of a Significant Natural Feature in Schedule 3.3 (ie, Tararua Ranges Ridgeline)</li> <li>for not meeting noise requirements</li> <li>for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the included map.</li> </ul>		✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓

NOTE: A copy of this submission form MUST also be sent to Mighty River Power Ltd at:

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Mighty River Power Ltd  
PO Box 445  
Hamilton 3240  
Attention: Stephanie Froggatt

Or email [turitea@mightyriver.co.nz](mailto: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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1. The Turitea Reserve should only be used as a water catchment area. It provides 70% of water used by Palmerston North City. The risks of erosion from earthworks and roading required for the construction of turbines, and the possible pollution from oil spills and the increased presence of humans, are far too great and probably irreversible. For many years a permit and health check has been required before entry into this area. Surely a wind farm in Turitea Reserve is unthinkable.

2. Our Taranaki Ranges are a significant landscape in the Manawatu. The building of 125 metre high turbines on the primary and secondary ridges will result in the loss of this iconic landscape for future generations. The Waitakere Ranges are protected by an act of Parliament - why can't other significant landscapes have the same protection?

3. Kahuterawa Road is a narrow country road with in places, no verges for cyclists, runners or walkers, so they are on the road. Add to this several blind spots where oncoming traffic cannot be seen and there will be accidents with the increased volume of traffic. In the Turitea Wind Farm, Transportation Assessment by the Traffic Design Group - August 2008, Section 11 - it states that "no roading improvements are recommended". My experience ~~is~~ <sup>makes me</sup> strongly disagree. Kahuterawa Road is popular for recreational users to access Hardscrub Park and Skedore Track - many of whom are cyclists.