

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
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Wellington 6143



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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)

My/Our Full Name(s): LEIGH MYRA DOME

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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

see attached (2 pages)

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):

see attached

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):

Date: 20/02/09

(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:

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.



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mo Te Taiao

New Zealand Government

The reasons for my submission are:

As a born and bred Palmerstonian you could say I have grown up with the Tararua Ranges looking over me. Now its payback time and I feel it is my obligation to protect the last remaining vestige of the outstanding landscape that provides a backdrop to my home town.

Fourteen years ago my husband Gary and I decided to build our dream home on those precious hills that overlook the Turitea Valley, Palmerston North city and beyond. Our 12 acres of undulating land has become our haven, our little piece of paradise. So special that our property is affectionately named "Dome on the Range".

We delight in the picturesque tranquillity of the Valley and its surrounds; regularly exercising our dogs around our property and often venturing further up Turitea Road to enjoy the walkway that borders the Reserve.

We entertain our friends and family in our extensive outdoor living spaces, sharing with them the alfresco lifestyle we love so much.

Never in our wildest dreams did we think our Turitea Road home would be threatened by what would amount to an industrial power generation plant – no I'll rephrase that, 122 **individual** industrial power generation plants.

The position of our property at 516 Turitea Road puts us at the epicentre of the proposed Turitea Wind Farm and therefore deems us (involuntarily) as a significantly affected party.

With a staggering 14 turbines proposed within 2kms of our notional boundary (#s 32, 33, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88), the closest three turbines are within a mere 1200 metres away from our home.

It is obvious to anyone that my primary concerns pertain to noise, visual amenity and other associated issues ie flicker or strobing, vibration and property value.

My concerns regarding the logistical and scientific issues of construction traffic, energy efficiency, landscape and sound will be addressed by technical experts acting on behalf of the Tararua Aokautere Guardians Inc of which I am a member.

As a self employed photographer and journalist, I work from home. My office window faces Bryant Hill where the majority of the very closest turbines could be located.

My job requires a significant degree of concentration and creativity. I feel my ability to do both would be compromised by the expected noise 'side effects' of several turbines nearby.

I am not a sound sleeper and am sensitive to background noise. I can only imagine the unpleasant sensations associated with infrasound or vibration.

On my regular return trips to the city I do not want to be exposed to the visual pollution of up to 500 turbines (spinning or not) along the entire span of the Ranges from the Gorge to Tokomaru and witness the permanent scarring of the land. The visual cumulative effect of such a high concentration of industrial clutter including all the present and consented wind farms, defies imagination.

Views from throughout the city and the wider Manawatu would be subject to this visual cacophony.

Our North facing home would be exposed to the flicker effect as the sun rises over Bryant Hill to our East. As a migraine sufferer, I object to having to endure conditions that could instigate further attacks as flickering light so often does.

Apart from the substantial financial investment we have made in our home and property, there are emotional attachments that cannot be measured. Over the 14 years we have resided at Dome on the Range, we have developed our substantial gardens to enhance our enjoyment of our rural, natural environment.

The ecological effects on the Turitea Reserve are also of significant concern to me. Tui, Keruru, fantails, and morepork are regular visitors to our property from the Reserve land nearby. I have no doubt the construction and operation of turbines within the Turitea Reserve would threaten the noticeable recent increase in native birdlife and cause significant damage to their habitat.

Although we rely on our own supply of collected tank water, I have grave concerns that the city water supply will not be compromised by such large scale construction taking place within the Turitea Reserve and water catchment area.

I also wish to note the effects this wind farm application has had on the people within our unique rural community. This issue has polarised our close knit and friendly community – pitting neighbour against neighbour. A sad situation for all concerned.

Finally I wish to personally register my disgust that an S.O.E. (that is born in Wellington and based in Hamilton) can so adversely threaten the quality of the lifestyle we have built for ourselves here in Palmerston North and expect us to live with the consequences for the next quarter of a century.

I am not against wind power as a renewable energy source but feel strongly that our region has sacrificed enough of its natural landscape for New Zealand's voracious appetite for energy.

It is payback time.

I seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry:

I vehemently **oppose** the Turitea Wind Farm and respectfully request the Board of Inquiry to **reject** Mighty River Power's application **in its entirety**.