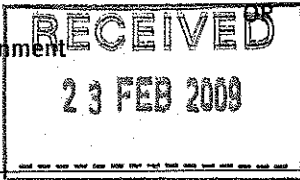


SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

To: Freepost Call In
Ministry for the Environment
PO Box 10362
The Terrace
Wellington 6143



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): KIM JANE VARDON

Postal Address: 369 KAHUTERAWA ROAD, RD 4, P.O. 4474

Work Ph: _____ Home Ph: 353 0428 Cell: _____

Work Fax: _____ Home Fax: _____ Email: _____

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

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):

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): [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 19.2.2009

(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.)



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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
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.			NOT IN RESERVE
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 SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF RESERVE			
104555: for the discharge of dust to air from the concrete batching plants to be located as generally shown on the included map.			NOT IN RESERVE
104556: for the discharge of dust to air from the mobile crushing plant throughout the general wind farm site.			RESERVE
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. 			SUPPORT OUTSIDE OF RESERVE.
Taranaki 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 Taranaki District as generally shown on the included map for land disturbance of more than 200 m² of soil and cleanfill material associated with tracking and roading, turbine construction, spoil disposal and other associated works in the areas within the Taranaki 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 Taranaki District for the modification of a Significant Natural Feature in Schedule 3.3 (ie, Taranaki Ranges Ridgeline) for not meeting noise requirements for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Taranaki 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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New Zealand Government

369 Kahuterawa Road,
Palmerston North 4474.
16 February 2009.
kimvardon@yahoo.com

Dear Ms Morgan,
Turitea Call In

I am writing to present a submission in connection with the above, in accordance with the information and guidance notes provided in MFE's web site.

I enclose a Submission Form, completed and signed as requested. I wish to use further pages for the following sections on Page 1 of the Form.

The reasons for my submission are:

1. The reserve is classified as a Local purpose (renewable energy generation, water supply and protection of indigenous flora and fauna) reserve. All of these purposes have an equal weighting, and none should have an unacceptable adverse effect on the other purposes for which the reserve is held. I am concerned that the use of the reserve for a wind farm will adversely affect the protection of native flora and fauna of the reserve, and these impacts (although the impact on vegetation may be restricted to the construction sites) will detrimentally affect overall natural values of the reserve.
2. The upgrading of existing tracks and construction of new tracks on the reserve to transport the turbine parts, and the excavation required to erect the turbines will require destruction of vegetation, earthmoving and excavation of rock. These tracks cannot be fully remediated as they will need to be kept open for turbine maintenance purposes and the concrete foundations are likely to be a permanent modification of the reserve.
3. Kahuterawa Road and Turitea Road and the minor roads leading from them will be required to transport the turbine parts and construction materials. These roads were never designed to accommodate traffic of this type. The roads are narrow with steep banks and no hard shoulder for most of their length and they have numerous sharp bends with blind corners and hills with blind summits. The project will generate a large number of traffic movements and the physical length and weight of the trucks will be very large in proportion to the dimensions and bearing capacity of the existing roads. The trucks will need to cross the centre line of the roads frequently to navigate blind corners. The weight of the trucks will damage the road surface and edging, which is prone to slips in places. I drive along the road every day with young children in the car and I am concerned about road safety if remedial work is not done. Also this is the only road in and out of Kahuterawa valley, and a vehicle accident or slip caused by a truck will block access to and from our home.
4. The need for road widening and straightening works was recognised by Palmerston North City Council, which published a roading programme of works in support of significant recreational activity (tramping and cycling)

along Kahuterawa Road, which is supported by the District Plan. I understand the cost of this type of negative effect on roading infrastructure is normally met from Development Contributions.

I seek the following decisions from the Board of Inquiry:

1. To refrain from construction of wind turbines and associated roading and other works within the reserve.
2. To require the developer to carry out an engineering survey and any required roading works along Kahuterawa Road, Turitea Road and associated minor roads to ensure road safety and to prevent damage to the roading infrastructure by vehicles associated with the project. This should take the form of road straightening or creation of wider vision splays at bends, levelling of blind summits to provide improved visibility and strengthening of the road surface and edging.

Thank you for your time. I confirm that this letter and Form have been copied to Mighty River Power as directed.

Yours sincerely,



Kim Vardon

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Project Manager for the Board,
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