

# SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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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): MILLICENT SAVILLE WOOD

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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

Visual impact of these turbines within the City I live in.

Lack of access to good walks within the Kahuteranga Valley (if there are wind farms): See attached

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):

All applications for resource consents (land use consents, discharge permits). None should be approved.

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): M. Saville Wood Date: 20/2/2009

(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.)

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.			
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.			
<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:

Freeport – MRP  
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.

Mrs M Saville Wood  
46B Pahiatua Street  
Palmerston North

### **Introduction:**

I am an older citizen who is retired and I live in Palmerston North City.

As a single person I enjoy the outdoors and the Kahuterawa Valley offers many opportunities to enjoy walks within the natural bush.

### **The particular parts of the application which I oppose are:**

All applications in their entirety.

### **The reasons for my submission are set out below:**

This application consists of 122, 125 metre high turbines, many of which will be placed on a highly prominent and visible ridgeline around the boundary of the city within which I live.

Wind farm development within Palmerston North is blatantly obvious as the further increase of turbines seems to be continuing along our landmark ridgeline.

### **Visual**

Whilst I can say that seeing the turbines from the City is acceptable, unfortunately when seeing too many of them it becomes ugly and then when confronted with them on a walk – they become a visual eyesore. At a height greater than 120metres the turbines will dominate the landscape and will ruin the beauty of the Tararuas. These turbines aren't stationary objects on a ridgeline, but are moving, operating machines with a very industrial appearance and unfortunately because of this, your eyes when looking at the views are attracted towards them.

### **Destruction of the Nature Reserve and Natural bush**

As I am retired, I enjoy walking in the hills (on the tracks afforded in the Kahuterawa Valley). The area is beautiful, peaceful and safe. The development of these turbines will impact on local flora and fauna particularly bird life. If these are no longer present peoples walking experiences will be largely diminished. I will not be attracted to walk in the area any longer.

### **Economic Impact on Palmerston North and the region**

The expansion of the windfarms across the Tararua's is likely to have a negative economic impact on Palmerston North and Manawatu as a whole. The most obvious impact will be on the visual impact these turbines will have on the city of Palmerston North which does not have the natural attractions of other cities within the Country. The introduction of this windfarm will create an industrial landscape that will make it difficult to attract families to settle in the area.

**I seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry:** I oppose the application of Mighty River Power Ltd for the following:

- Land use consents – Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council
- Discharge Permits – Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council
- Land use consents – Palmerston North City Council
- Land use consents – Tararua District Council

For the structures and activities associated with the development, construction, installation, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of 122 wind turbines (in the Manawatu and Tararua Districts to generate electricity and associated ancillary activities) at the Mighty River Power windfarm, situated in the Tararua Ranges – a 14 km stretch of the Tararua Ranges approximately 10 kilometres southeast of the Palmerston North City Centre and approximately 11 kms west of Pahiatua.

**I do not wish to be heard in support of this submission.**