

SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT AND NOTICES OF REQUIRMENTS

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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 consents 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 consents 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 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):

That the applications be granted consent, subject to appropriate conditions that are acceptable to Mighty River Power.

Please use more pages if you need to.

Use a clear tick in the appropriate box below (v)

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): n.a. haack Date: 20/2/09

(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 consents 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 consents below

OR
My/our submission **only** concerns the applications for resource consents 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.			
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; and 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 attached map; for land disturbance of more than 200m³ 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 attached map; for upgrades to South Range Road and the construction of new site access at the location shown on the attached 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 (i.e. Tararua Ranges Ridgeline); for not meeting noise requirements; and for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the attached 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 served a copy of my/our submission on the applicant per Section 96(4) of the RMA.

Submission on Mighty River Power Limited's applications for Resource Consent in respect of the Turitea Wind Farm:

I am submitting in support of the Turitea Wind Farm applications.

I live with my family on a 50 acre block situated on the Pahiatua Track (aka "Pahiatua Aokautere Road). We have owned this property for approximately the last eight years and use the property as a grazing block. Our property forms part of the proposed Turitea Wind Farm and will have two of the proposed turbines zones located on our top boundary that we share with two neighbours.

We have existing wind farm developments to the North East of our property which we can both see and hear from our house. Once constructed the Turitea Wind Farm will be visible from parts of our property but they will not be visible from the house itself.

My reasons for supporting the Turitea Wind Farm are these:

- I agree with the considered and researched use of the wind resource in the Tararua Ranges near Palmerston North. The area is obviously appropriate and has high efficacy for wind farms due to its features of wind flow, accessibility, proximity to electricity substructures (e.g. substations and major lines), and the closeness to a major city from which labour and other resources can be sourced.
- We have had dealings with Mighty River Power for over 3 years and to date I am confident they are a proven and reliable electricity generator, that works well with local communities and other key stakeholders, and is strongly committed to sound environmental management.
- From my dealings with Mighty River Power I am confident that my future on my farm will be protected. I will have a direct and legal recourse to protect me against excess pollution or unfitting changes to the environment (e.g. excess noise, earthworks, and road works). I also have a direct working relationship with Mighty River Power which is and I'm sure will continue to be beneficial to my well-being in a number of areas.
- I am confident that Mighty River Power has been and will continue to be responsible to its landowner partners in this project. So far it has spent considerable time and effort to bring the affected parties together, and has been informative and open in responding to any concerns we have raised.
- I also may have some monetary compensation for living in this area and the necessary effects of all wind farms and the proposed Mighty River Power development. I do not have the same close relationship with one other close wind farm development.
- I am confident that in the future Mighty River Power will be a considerate and sound company in its use of the resource and in its dealings with the inhabitants the development encompasses.
- I believe that Palmerston North as a community will benefit from having the wind farm development take place. It will mean that local businesses will be able to subcontract on aspects of construction and maintenance, and that involvement from outside of the district (e.g. contractors staying in the city) will also be beneficial. There are probably many other areas of real community benefit.

- I also believe that the Palmerston North City Council will benefit financially then this will be passed down to the community. This will include the development of an Eco-park and access to a community voice in to the use, development and protection of the Palmerston North City Council Tararua Range land area.
- I believe that the Palmerston North City Council has a commitment to be helpful and courteous to its co-partners (the other landowners involved in the development, including myself) in the Mighty River Power development.

I would like to see resource consent granted for the Turitea Wind Farm as proposed by Mighty River Power.