

SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

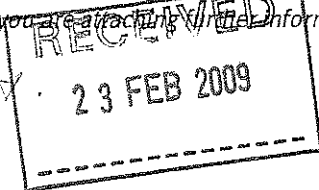
To: Freepost Call In OR Email: turiteacallin@mfe.govt.nz
 Ministry for the Environment Fax: 04 439 7705
 PO Box 10362 [Note: If you are emailing or faxing your submission,
 The Terrace please mark in the subject line: 'Turitea Call In']
 Wellington 6143

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): MARGARET ANN STEWART
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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 information tick for yes
Please see attached sheet

 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):
A moratorium be placed on all windfarm development until guidelines be established on the siting of windfarms re:
 ① The minimum distance turbines can be placed from residences;
 ② The allowable maximum saturation of an areas skyline;
 ③ Isonic areas on which turbines cannot be built.
 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): *Margaret Stewart* Date: *22 Feb. 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
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 Māta Rau

New Zealand Government

MY NAME IS MARGARET STEWART. I AM NEARLY 70 YEARS OLD AND, WITH MY HUSBAND DON, LIVE AT 12 JOHNSTONE DRIVE IN SUMMERHILL, PALMERSTON NORTH.

I WAS RAISED IN CENTRAL OTAGO, WHICH IS PROBABLY WHY I HAVE ALWAYS HAD A DEEP LOVE OF HILLS. THIS WAS A MAJOR REASON WHY, ON OUR RETURN FROM 10 YEARS WORKING OVERSEAS, DON AND I PURCHASED A LIFESTYLE BLOCK IN THE TURITEA VALLEY. I WAS IN MY ELEMENT - WONDERFUL MOODY HILLS AT MY DOORSTEP (AND FRAMED BY OUR WINDOWS), PEACEFULNESS AND LAND FOR RAISING ALPACAS. HOWEVER, AFTER SEVEN WONDERFUL YEARS I HAVE DEVELOPED INCREASING PHYSICAL PROBLEMS FROM MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AND NOW FIND WALKING SLOW AND DIFFICULT.

THEREFORE WE MADE THE DECISION TO MOVE INTO A HOUSE WITH A SMALL, FLAT AND EASY CARE SECTION. WE HAVE RETAINED OWNERSHIP OF THE LIFESTYLE BLOCK AND HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER LIVING THERE, WHILE WE FOUND 12 JOHNSTONE DRIVE, CLOSE BY, AND STILL WITH GLIMPSES OF MT BRYANT AND THE SURROUNDING HILLS. I WAS HAPPY THAT, ALTHOUGH PHYSICALLY COMPROMISED, I STILL HAD ACCESS TO THIS WONDERFL SOOTHING OUTLOOK.

I FEEL UTTERLY DEVASTATED THAT IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE WHEN I WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO DRIVE, SHOULD THE TURITEA WIND FARM GO AHEAD, I WILL BE DEPRIVED OF THIS BEAUTIFUL, UNSPOILED VIEW WITHIN MY LIMITED OUTLOOK.

I AM NOT ANTI-WINDFARM. WHAT I AM STRONGLY AGAINST IS THE WAY THAT THE POWER COMPANIES WANT TO PUT THE WINDMILLS ON THE SKYLINES WHERE THEY ARE CLOSE TO RESIDENCES AND/OR MOST OPTICALLY POLUTANT, AND TO PLACING THEM ON RESERVES AND WATER-CATCHMENT AREAS. NEW ZEALAND HAS RANGE AFTER RANGE OF HILLS; WHY CAN'T THE WINDMILLS BE PUT ON MORE DISTANT RANGES WHERE THEY WOULD BE LESS INTRUSIVE? I REALISE IT WOULD BE MORE EXPENSIVE TO HAVE THEM ERECTED FURTHER AWAY FROM THE POPULATION, BUT THAT WOULD BE FAR PREFERABLE TO THE EMOTION AND ANGUISH THEY GENERATE WITH THEIR CHEAP AND EASY OPTION OF ERECTING WINDMILLS ON THE CLOSE AND/OR ICONIC RANGES.

I BEG YOU NOT TO LET THE TURITEA WINDFARM GO AHEAD.

