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SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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Ministry for the Environment
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The Terrace
Wellington 6143

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OR 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): JASON HINDMARSH

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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

I am opposed to the Turitea Wind Farm proposed by Mighty River Power Ltd

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: 23-2-09

(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.)



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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.		✓	
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. 		✓	
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 m³ 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:

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.



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Additional Information for Submission on Mighty River Power Ltd Applications for Resource Consent: Turitea Wind Farm.

Applicant: Jason Hindmarsh

I hereby oppose Mighty River Power Ltd's application for resource consent for the Turitea Wind Farm on the following grounds:

1. Visual impact: specifically turbines 0077 to 0088 which are within a 3 km radius of my home on Oram Drive. These turbines will completely dominate the view from my section, destroying any picturesque value of the landscape within the surrounding area. Also, personal to me, when viewing spinning turbines for any length of time it can induce a mild sensation of motion sickness. Therefore, I will be left with the situation where I will not be able to look out from one side of my home for any length of time for the remainder of the time I live there.
2. Cumulative Effect: the Turitea Wind Farm is of a scale that it will visually fill the current gap in windmills that cover the ranges between Ashurst and Linton in the Palmerston North region. This will completely change the visual character of the region. It will be difficult not to view Palmerston North as being surrounded by mechanisation. There is a point where the number of turbines on the ranges will make it difficult to perceive the landscape beneath them. I have personally seen this in Texas, USA and Holland. Areas of the desert in Texas are covered in such a number of oil pumps that your initial perception is only of oil pumps not of the desert. In Holland, I have seen wind farms which completely dominate the view making it difficult to escape the perception of being in an industrial area. I do not want the Palmerston North region to end up like this. I don't want to live in an industrial park! I returned to New Zealand from living in the UK to escape this. I have seen the north of England, where it is covered in smoke stacks and mining towers. A windmill is a large man made structure no different from a smoke stack or mining tower.