

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): WAYNE JOHNSON

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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

SEE ATTACHED PAGE

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):

SEE ATTACHED PAGE.

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): W. Johnson

Date: 18/02/09.

(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 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
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.

To: Ministry for the Environment

From: Wayne Johnson in support of Huatau Marae and John and Rosemary Adams, 18 February 2009

The Reasons for My Submission are:

While I support the policy principles of sustainable energy wind farms I oppose the proposed Turitea wind farm by Mighty River Power Limited unless the following grounds are addressed;

That there is consistency in process, application, and rulings from the Environment Court on wind farm approvals in relation to the number of turbines, adverse affects, cultural impact and other considerations that the Environment Court has deemed important reasons to decline, limit and restrict resource consent approval to mitigate adverse affects.

Due respect to rulings should be consistently applied where a resource consent application is made in close proximity to a site that has already been granted resource consent and where any new application in size, landscape, environment and cultural impact (Motorimu) are similar,.

That submitters/submissions made for the Motorimu Wind Farm resource consent application, for and against, should be consistent for the Turitea Wind Farm application, in particular that of the Palmerston North City Council.

I Seek the Following Decision from the Board of Inquiry:

That the following turbines; 37,45,46,47,48,52,54,55,56,110 through to 125,127 through to 136 (35 proposed turbines) be declined.

That the following turbines; 37,45,46,47,48,52,54,55,56,110 through to 125,127 through to 136 (35 proposed turbines) be repositioned so as to fully mitigate all adverse affects of noise, visual, landscape, cultural and quality of life.

That all buildings and social and cultural facilities be future proofed to fully insulate against adverse affects before any site works commence and that assurances given in rulings that future proofing be ongoing should the insulating measures not be sufficient either during or after turbine construction.

That all access roads be widened and fully tar-sealed, that safe passing lanes be installed, that vegetation be planted to reduce traffic noise, that road usage be restricted both in daytime capacity and night activities, and that speed limits be lowered and low noise levels and exhaust emissions from traffic, larges trucks in particular, be introduced, monitored , and enforced.

That property owners and ratepayers be compensated for economic losses or devaluation to their respective properties as result of any wind farm development.

That full consideration is given to economic, cultural, social, and quality of life concerns and issues of residents and amenity uses of the land and resources in the proposed application.