

SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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 The Terrace
 Wellington 6143

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 [Note: If you are emailing or faxing your submission, please mark in the subject line: 'Turitea Call In']

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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)

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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

1. ADVERSE VISUAL IMPACT FROM PALMERSTON NORTH CITY.
2. ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON THE AREA PROSED FOR DEVELOPMENT
3. INAPPROPRIATE USE OF TAXPAYER CAPITAL.

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):

I REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF ENQUIRY DECLINE ALL APPLICATIONS BY MIGHTY RIVER POWER FOR RESOURCE CONSENT TO BUILD THE TURITEA WIND FARM.

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): [Signature] Date: 23.02.2009.

(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
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:

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 sent a copy of my/our submission to Mighty River Power Ltd as per Section 96(4) of the RMA.



Ministry for the
Environment
Mauri Mo Te Taiao

New Zealand Government

Submission on Mighty River Power Ltd – Proposal for the Turitea Wind-farm Project.

Attachment to MFE submission form.

I have lived in Palmerston North for 30 years now and have always enjoyed the views to the Tararua ranges behind the city. The natural beauty of these ranges give significant visual value to the region and city. It's a fantastic sight to see on the approach into town from Mt. Stewart, or travelling south down any of Palmerston North's main roads such as Rangitikei St / Fitzherbert Ave, or Albert St etc.

In recent years that view has been compromised by construction of large-scale intensive wind farm developments. Now the only clear view of the Tararuas' is directly behind Palmerston North city in the area of the Turitea Reserve – an area designated as the catchment for the Palmerston North city water supply.

When I look at these developments and the minor amount they contribute to New Zealand's overall electricity generation, and the fact that their energy cant be stored for periods of peak demand, I wonder what opportunities might be presented if the same amount of capital was invested in reducing New Zealand's demand for electricity. I have not seen this argument represented by Mighty River Power.

I **disagree** with the proposal to develop the Turitea Reserve (and surrounds) into a wind-farm for the following reasons;

The reasons for my submission are:

1. **Adverse visual impact from Palmerston North City.** Views of the Tararua Range from Palmerston North are already compromised by the existing wind-farms which have intensified over recent years. Adding the Turitea wind-farm development will have a damaging impact to the currently clear view of the Tararua Range.
2. **Adverse environment impact on the development area.** The landscape of the area proposed in this development (primarily the Turitea Reserve) will be permanently changed (and damaged) as a result of the construction activities associated with the proposed wind-farm. There can be no 100% guarantee that the water catchment area for Palmerston North city will not be damaged or adversely effected during construction.
3. **Inappropriate economic opportunity.** It has not been demonstrated what economic benefits this project will provide when compared with an equal expenditure on energy use reduction projects. This project has not been presented as an appropriate use of capital (given that MRP is owned by the New Zealand government – this could be seen as taxpayer capital) in comparison to energy efficiency initiatives which would reduce demand for electricity and hence the need for the Turitea wind-farm development.