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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

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)

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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

Severe risk to Palmerston North water catchment reserve  
Far too many windfarms destroying the vista of the Manawatu  
Too much noise for local inhabitants

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):

Total rejection of the proposed plan to build a windfarm in and around the Turitea reserve

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: 22nd FEBRUARY 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
<b>Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council – Land-use Consents</b>			
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.			
<b>Manawatu-Wanganui (Horizons) Regional Council – Discharge Permits</b>			
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.			
<b>Palmerston North City Council – Land-use Consents</b>			
RC0068:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to establish and operate a wind farm in the areas within the Palmerston North city jurisdiction as generally shown on the included map</li> <li>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</li> <li>for the western side of Pahiatua Aokautere Road not meeting access requirements at the location shown on the included map</li> <li>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</li> <li>for the construction of a 220 kV electricity transmission line and substations as shown on the included map.</li> </ul>			
<b>Tararua District Council – Land-use Consents</b>			
1448:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>for land disturbance of more than 200 m<sup>3</sup> 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</li> <li>for upgrades to South Range Road and the construction of new site access at the location shown on the included map</li> <li>for turbine and wind monitoring mast structures not meeting height requirements within the Tararua District</li> <li>for the modification of a Significant Natural Feature in Schedule 3.3 (ie, Tararua Ranges Ridgeline)</li> <li>for not meeting noise requirements</li> <li>for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the included map.</li> </ul>			

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](mailto: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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**Environment**  
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New Zealand Government

Submission against the proposed Turitea windfarm.

As a lifelong resident of the Manawatu region I feel despondent to the proliferation of windmills on the hills surrounding the city.

It is not fair that these giants (windmills) should dominate our vista and have such an adverse affect on the lives of people forced to habit so close to them.

The hills are the only natural scenery visible from a flat plain that makes up the Manawatu region. How can the greed of power companies take this away from so many people?

I doubt that the noise from the proposed windfarm will affect my family or any close neighbours, but I feel extremely sorry for those that will be affected by the noise and wish to show my unconditional support for them. Having been an affected party to the previous Motorimu proposal, I know exactly the toll these proposals have on the local residents and their families. It simply isn't fair.

Noise and cumulative effect on the landscape are foremost reasons I would like to see this proposed windfarm rejected in its entirety.

By far the largest objection I have to the current proposal is the fact that they want to place these towers in the Turitea reserve.

The Turitea reserve should be considered a sacred area. This reserve has been there as a pristine water catchment area for many generations. As a youth I was privileged to be able to walk through some of the area, but only after the entire group had submitted individual faecal samples 2 weeks prior to setting foot in the reserve. This was to ensure that there was no risk of introducing salmonella into the waterways.

The steps taken to mitigate the risks of any contamination into the area were exemplary. These controls that were at least an attempt to protect the reserve have sadly been remiss for some time now.

I consider ANY disturbance or industrial activity within the Turitea reserve is a sure step to destroy the pristine water supply that is so much a jewel for the people of Palmerston North.

We have a duty to protect this water supply for future generations and not put any risk on contaminating an area that would be the envy of many cities around the globe.

This current generation simply does not have the authority to destroy or severely risk the environment around the water catchment reserve.

There is absolutely no way the power companies can guarantee no adverse effects on the water catchment environment and the only consequences of failure will be borne by the residents of Palmerston North.

It is not my place to comment on the virtues or false economies of windfarms as a solution to energy demands, but I cannot condone the proliferation of these monstrosities on the landscape of the Manawatu region.

I think, like many residents of the region, I feel we have allowed enough of our regions vista to be destroyed. I ask the panel of commissioners to please reject the current proposal in its entirety.