

Written Call In

SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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(Note: If you are emailing or faxing your submission, please mark in the correct line: 'Written Call In')

This submission relates to the applications for resource consent lodged by Mighty River Power Ltd for the Huihua Wind Farm and is dealt with on this 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): Malcolm & Cheryl Wood

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You may have a right to object to the proposed resource consent if you are making a submission on all applications for resource consent.

Please indicate on the back of this form (✓) whether you object to the resource consent in relation to the applications for resource consent submitted in writing or resource consent applications when submitted in writing.

The reasons for my/our submission are: If you are attaching further information tick for yes

*Opposing the construction of 122 wind turbines
Environmental - Landscape - Noise (main reasons)*

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):

To decline the building of 122 wind turbines

Please use more pages if you need to.

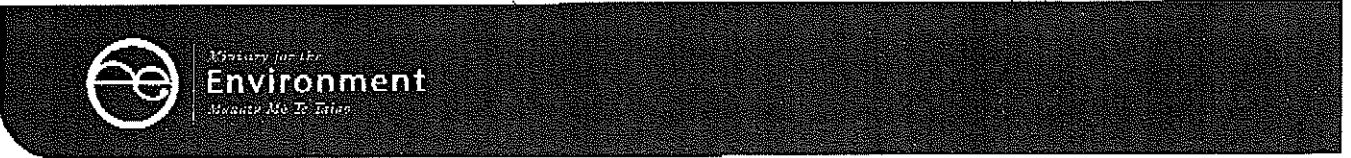
Use a clear tick in the appropriate box below (✓)

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): C.G. Wood M.C. Wood 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.)



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. 		✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	
Taranui 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 Taranui 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 Taranui 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 Taranui District for the modification of a Significant Natural Feature in Schedule 3.3 (ie, Taranui Ranges Ridgeline) for not meeting noise requirements for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Taranui 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.



Environment

New Zealand Government

Turbines Call In

The reason for my views are:

We oppose the building of 122 wind turbines, two transmission lines, two substations. The **Visual Impact** of enormous white turbines littering the ranges is huge. Our generation and the next generations to come have a right to look out on a natural and beautiful view of the mountain ranges without the intrusion of man-made obstructions. The turbines towering 81m are clearly visible for miles and can be seen from most areas in the Manawatu including the Opiki/Shannon area. This is one of the most prominent aspects of the Tararua Ridgeline that can be viewed within the Manawatu Region. Before long they will be scattered right across the ranges and there will be NO natural view for people to enjoy. It will be seen as the norm. We ardently oppose these being built.

With the changing weather patterns we have been experiencing in the past decade eg more rain allowing any soil that has been disturbed ie building of wind turbines on a hillside a prime target for **erosion and slips**. The building of these turbines will disturb the ground and we all know dirt on hillsides goes down when flooding or continuous rain occurs leaving a very ugly, scarred hillside which is definitely not good for the environment. You only need to look at Wellington/Auckland for the hillsides slipping away taking houses with them. It will definitely affect the flora and fauna in and around the area. A landscape that should be left alone! An outstanding national landscape according to Horizons District Plan. Not so if these turbines are allowed to be built.

The **Audible noise (what you can hear)** the aerodynamic noise – it can be heard up to 10km away under appropriate conditions. and the **Inaudible noise (what you can't hear)** low frequency noise that can cause vibrations that can be felt through feet and chest. The potential health impacts of audible and inaudible noise from wind turbines on residents living in and around the area is serious. Residents quality of life must be affected. They have chosen to live in a peaceful, rural environment and this ambivalent serenity will be hugely disrupted if these turbines are allowed to go ahead.

On a personal note any benefits obtained are nil. Our energy bills are not declining – in fact they are increasing all the time. Why should we supply energy to the rest of the country at the expense of huge corporate companies who are the only ones to benefit.

C Wood
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