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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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[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): GARY STEPHEN TRAINER

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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

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):

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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):

Date: 18/2/09

(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

	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.



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New Zealand Government

Date: 19/02/09

In the Matter of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

In the Matter of resource consent applications MWRC 104553 to 104560 including and PNCC RC0068 and TDC 1448 MIGHTY RIVER POWER for the Turitea Wind farm proposal.

SUBMISSION ON APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT
UNDER SECTION 145 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

TO: Ministry for the Environment

**NAME Gary Stephen Trainer
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Palmerston North**

Introduction: As a resident of Palmerston North /Manawatu I am concerned about various environmental issues associated with wind farms regarding adverse affects on natural landscapes and upon people and community amenity values and I oppose the application by Mighty River Power for resource consents MWRC 104553 to 104560 and PNCC RC0068 and TDC 1448 for the Turitea Wind farm Development.

My particular concerns are:-

National & Local Benefit

I do not believe it has been proven that the approval/building of many, many additional wind farms here in New Zealand will offer any significant benefits that would offset the many significant adverse effects. Furthermore, at present we have (nationally and globally) no definite / proven idea on how climate change may/will affect the situation/performance of existing and proposed wind farm locations. We should at least take time and await a national policy statement on renewable energy and in particular, the called for/pending Environment Court findings on cumulative effects of wind farm development in the Tararuas.

Landscape and Visual effects and effects upon amenity values.

The application is contrary to section 7(c) in terms of its adverse effects upon the amenity values of local residents.

I believe there will be significant adverse landscape and visual effects on the community as a whole which cannot be avoided or remedied. Furthermore, the cumulative effect of the proposed wind farm together with existing and planned development will result in an unacceptable level of visual dominance.

Noise

I believe that the application fails to adequately protect the health and well being of nearby residents/individual homes from effects of adverse excessive noise. I do not believe that any plan has demonstrated a way to avoid unnecessary noise which is contrary to Section 16/17 of the RMA.

Ecological effects

I am also firmly of the opinion that the proposed ecological park promoted in association with this development will not mitigate in any way the loss of the amenity value of the existing landscape. The proposal fails to adequately avoid areas of ecological sensitivity and proposed plans to offset the loss of the natural forest would be inferior to the already existing ecosystems.

The development does not adequately assess problems with erosion and consequent sedimentation during the earthworks which will no doubt be exacerbated by any intense rain falls – which appear to be on the increase due to global climate change. I do not believe that it can be adequately proven that this would not impact on the source of drinking water for the Palmerston North area.

The application does not have a detailed plan for decommissioning, removing the visual impacts and making good the environment.

Future social impact on the Palmerston North City and community

Palmerston North as a growing city/community will be adversely affected by the proposed wind farms regarding expansion of residential areas surrounding the city and outside of the flood plains.

Relief Sought

In view of the above I seek a decision by the Board of Inquiry to decline the resource consents in their entirety.


G. S. Trainer