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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)

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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

I oppose the building of turbines in the Turitea Reserve  
See attached sheet.

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):

The Board should refuse permission for Mighty River Power to build any wind turbines within 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): AST Strawbridge Date: 17.2.09

(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
<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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Manatū Mō Te Taiao

New Zealand Government

Submission on Mighty River Power Ltd applications for resource consent in the Turitea Wind Farm.

From Anne Strawbridge  
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Phone 06 3562585  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2009

I oppose the building of any turbines in the Turitea Reserve Palmerston North water catchment area  
For the following reasons:

1. The risk of polluting or endangering the water catchment area.

I believe that this water catchment area for our city should be kept unspoiled, and as far as possible, the activities of humans should not be introduced into it because of the increased risk of polluting our water or spoiling the environment from which the water is collected. A threat to the safety of the water supply is a threat to the safety and well-being of all of Palmerston North. The turbines, the pylons and power lines, the roads, the constant traffic of vehicles during the building and maintenance, the many building processes for which resource consents are sought; all of these can potentially risk the clean, safe environment from which Palmerston North's water is collected. Spills, leaks or breakages from oil, petrol, concrete products, vehicles, turbines or towers are all potential threats.

2. Risks of pollution and despoilment of the environment.

The area where the majority of the turbines will be located will be amongst the forests of the reserve. When the Palmerston North City Council first sought the opinions of the local residents, they said that the money earned from the turbines would be used to pay for an eco-park. Surely what we already have there now is an eco-park, and what we would have if the turbines are built in there will be a far less natural eco-park. That makes no sense to me. This is a natural and unspoiled environment which will be spoiled to some degree by the turbines, and will also risk pollution as described in number one above.

3. Visual Pollution

At least ten years ago, I talked to a tourist visiting New Zealand from either the Netherlands or Germany. We got to talking about how they had lots of windmills in his country. I thought they sounded like an excellent source of power, but he didn't like them and referred to them as 'visual pollution'. I have never forgotten that phrase because I thought it was silly. They didn't harm the environment, and I didn't think they could be that hard on the eyes. However, now as I watch the relentless march of the windmills along the loved and familiar hills that surround our city, I know exactly what he meant by 'visual pollution'. I don't actually mind the windmills, within reason, but I definitely do not want to see windmills along *all* the hills that can be seen from Palmerston North.

4. Other Energy Sources

There are other energy sources that would be less intrusive, such as encouraging and subsidising use of solar power, using the power of the tides and waves, or placing turbines in remote places where no one will see them. These may cost more money, but would be less disruptive and less offensive.