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SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

To: Freepost Call In
Ministry for the Environment
PO Box 10362
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']

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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)

My/Our Full Name(s): WILLIAM H. FRITH

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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 consider it would water supply
Habitat and land form, walkways
valuation and create noise and
visual pollution

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):

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): W Frith Date: 20 February 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 Kahūtérava 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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Attachment

20th. February 2009.

Objection to the Resource Consent Application for a Windfarm made by
Mighty River Power Ltd., at Turitea.

My reasons for objecting to the proposal are :

- Degradation of one of the primary sources of Palmerston North City water supply.
- Destruction of ground cover, (flora and fauna).
- Visual Pollution.
- Noise Pollution.
- Reduction of property values.

The Turitea Reserve, is a unique area within the boundaries of Palmerston North City. It has a variety of bird and insect life as well as a number of types of plant life. It is supplied with many walking tracks which are accessible to people with different fitness levels. The many people who use these tracks do so because it gives a sense of freedom from city life and the relaxation from their everyday cares. However, its most important attribute as an asset to the city is as the collector of one of the main sources of drinking water for the City, and it is my contention that if a Resource Consent is granted to Mighty River Power to develop an industrial generation plant which this size of windfarm is! Then the foregoing unique piece of paradise will be lost forever.

- The Turitea Reserve landform is undulating, the main valleys in conjunction with their side gullies channel rainwater to the catchment dams, where it is treated. These dams have to infrequently be drained to allow silt to be removed and the dam level deepened. The construction of the windmill bases would, because of the size of the windmills, create a large amount of spoil. This spoil would be situated in or on the the tops of the gullies, and this in conjunction with the service roads' spoil would flow down and silt up the dams. This would be and more devastating to the water storage ability of the dams, and in

inclement weather, a common occurrence. Though it has been stated containment areas are planned, I still do not think that they would be effective in weather conditions that often prevail through the year.

- The enormous amount of earthworks that will occur if the scheme goes ahead would be sufficient to change the existing land contour for ever, and it would take many years for similar flora to grow. The habitat for many species would be destroyed and it would be a long time before walkers could enjoy the hills again.
- The sight of a clear skyline of hills is to many people one of the pleasures of living in the Manawatu, and this applies especially to the people in Palmerston North City and its Environs. Seeing a massive group of industrial constructions, equivalent to thirty stories buildings, a short distance from the City is an anathema. Noise is becoming a factor affecting peoples health in the modern world. If the consent is granted, there will be many people in the countryside and City affected by this pollution. A lot of people living in Ashhurst already suffer from noise created by the smaller windmills close to them.
- The size and number of the windmills, so close to so many residents in town and country, will have a detrimental effect upon the value and saleability of their properties. The houses on Pacific Drive and other houses in the area in particular will be affected.

In conclusion, granting a Resource Consent to Mighty River Power Ltd., to build a windfarm of such massive proportions and in such a place would be detrimental to the environment and most importantly the water supply of Palmerston North City.

W H Frith. Objector.