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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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23 FEB 2009

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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

As per 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):

As per attached

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):

Date:

Elizabeth Wright Colin Wright

18 Feb '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. 	✓		
Taranua 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 Taranua District as generally shown on the included map for land disturbance of more than 200 m² of soil and cleanfill material associated with tracking and roading, turbine construction, spoil disposal and other associated works in the areas within the Taranua 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 Taranua District for the modification of a Significant Natural Feature in Schedule 3.3 (ie, Taranua Ranges Ridgeline) for not meeting noise requirements for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Taranua 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.



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We wish to support the Mighty River Power resource consent application for the Turitea Wind Farm for the following reasons

1. Visual Impact

Colin works from home in Hokowhitu and can see the ranges from his upstairs office. We feel that the wind turbines positively add to the view,

2. Create jobs in Palmerston North

The wind farm will add sustainable long term jobs in the Palmerston North economy. It is not just the day to day operators but all of the maintenance and other staff that will be needed over the years. Commercial activity generates income that is ultimately shared by all sections of society, so the gains are spread around.

3. Reliability of Electricity supply

By having the electricity generated locally it means that Palmerston North and the surrounding region are assured of having more reliable access to electricity supplies,

4. Reduction in global warming

By using a renewable resource like wind to generate electricity it reduces the amount of global warming by reducing the need to burn fossil fuels like coal or gas in thermal power stations,

5. Conservation of Resources

Our generation has consumed the earth's store of Fossil fuels at a colossal rate. By using renewable resources like wind, instead of coal gas or oil, to generate electricity those Fossil fuels will be conserved for future generations,

6. No Atmospheric Pollution

By using a renewable resource like wind to generate electricity, we reduce the amount of coal burnt in thermal power stations and as a result reduce the amount of atmospheric pollution. A friend from Texas recently commented how fantastic to be able to live in Palmerston North away from all of the smog from coal fired power stations which Texans must endure on a daily basis,

7. No Nuclear Power

By using renewable resources like wind we can avoid the need to build nuclear power stations and all of the associated problems of risk of damage and disposal of the nuclear waste,

8. Alternative Transportation Fuel

We already have electrified railways and we understand the development of electric cars is not too far away. The recent high oil prices have directly contributed to the world's financial system being thrown into crisis. By having electricity produced locally from renewable resources and available for transportation, we can to a degree insulate ourselves from overseas oil supplies and keep our economic efforts in New Zealand,

9. Contribution to the Environment

By making a contribution to the PNCC for an eco Park, the wind farm is contributing to the environment, not detracting from it. In addition, the PNCC will have access to money to help maintain reserves which we can all enjoy without having to pay more rates,

10. Meet our Kyoto responsibilities

As a nation New Zealand has responsibilities under the Kyoto agreement. By using a renewable resource like wind we can meet those responsibilities without the need for much higher taxes,

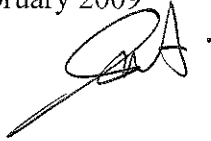
11. Reversible in the future

In the event that even better means of energy generation are found in the future, the wind farm can be dismantled and there will be little residual impact on the environment. This is not the case with hydro where the valleys are flooded for good, or nuclear which is extremely hard to dispose of,

Decision I seek

We seek that the Board of Enquiry **Approve** the application for the Turitea Wind Farm along the lines set out in Mighty River Power's Application. Let's give the economy and the environment a boost and just get on and build it.

Colin R & Elizabeth A Wright
Palmerston North
17 February 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C.R. & E.A. Wright', written over the printed names and date.