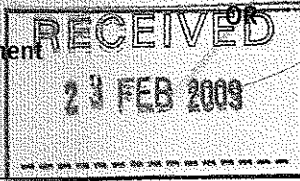


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# SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

To: Freepost Call In  
Ministry for the Environment  
PO Box 10362  
The Terrace  
Wellington 6143



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']

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): Simon Christopher Barnett.

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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: Please see attached.  
If you are attaching further information tick for yes   
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):  
Decline all applications for resource consent, land use consents, & discharge consents  
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): [Signature] Date: 20/2/09.

(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
<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:**

Freepost – 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.



Ministry for the  
**Environment**  
Manatū Mo Te Taiao

**New Zealand Government**

18/2/09

The reasons for my submission are....

My name is Simon Barnett. I am a resident of Palmy for 43 years. I am passionate about the future of this city and area, both from a physical amenity economic and social cohesion / vibrancy perspectives. I am the founder of OBO. Our company sells its Palmerston North, New Zealand products in 61 countries globally.

I support wind generation for power, and have publicly supported prior wind farms in this region.

I am concerned about this particular proposal for 2 reasons

1. Clean water is the most fundamental of all human needs. The building and maintenance and removal of the proposed turbines is extremely likely to threaten the water supply for over 70,000 people. One extreme weather / rain event during construction will overwhelm containment plans. This is simply and absolutely not worth the risk.
2. As a part of my job, I travel to many parts of the world. I have often seen wind turbines and almost without exception believed them to be a good addition to the visual environment. In all the cities I have visited I have never seen a wind farm of the size that already exists on the Tararua ranges. The prospect of an additional one hundred and twenty two 125 meter high turbines will make a huge visual impact on the city. It is the cumulative effect of the existing turbines, combined with the proposed turbines which is the problem.

We have all driven into a town or city or even a suburb, and felt that the place has an industrial feel about it. It has hardness, a bleakness, almost a coldness that affects how we feel as human beings. New Zealanders are more sensitive than many to this effect and these feelings.

At a certain point a place becomes overwhelmed by the presence of factories and industrial human activity. A place can easily reach a tipping point and the whole feeling you acquire and hold...changes.

I submit that if 122 very tall structures over the area proposed are added to those already in place or approved, and covering the cities entire due south, south east, and due east perspectives / skyline will irrevocably push this city past it's tipping point.

I request that you take significant account of the cumulative effect of this city's overall visual environment in considering the addition of 122 turbines.

Yours sincerely

  
Simon C Barnett