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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	RECEIVED 23 FEB 2009	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): Mary-Ann Bailey

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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

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):

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): M.A. Bailey 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

	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.

Submission of Mary-Ann Bailey in regards to the Mighty River Proposal to build the Turitea Windfarm.

I along with my husband bought 16 Pineland Dr in 2004, having decided to move from Woodville, where we enjoyed a semi-rural environment, to the out skirts of Palmerston North where we would build a house and develop the land in a way in keeping with the surrounding area. We value a rural lifestyle and the native bush, of which there are some small pockets on our land we wish to protect.

What allowed both of us to agree on the piece of land we finally purchased, was the quiet, the back drop of the Tararua Ranges, and the close proximity of the Turitea Reserve. We actually commented at the time that surely now one would put a windfarm on a Reserve.

We are less than 2 Km from 7 wind turbines (numbers 133, 132, 76, 77, 78, 82 and 83) which are 125m high, at the time of writing this submission I am still awaiting more accurate information from Mighty River Power in order to make my submission as accurate as possible and be fully aware of the impact of the turbines. (Attached is a copy of a map supplied by Mighty River Power I have used to base my observations on)

This close distance, and height, mean that the wind turbines (numbers 71 - 90 and those along the ridges on the reserve, 1-27, 38 - 43 96 - 108) will be a major aspect of our view, significantly destroying it. I am still awaiting more detailed information, including a montage, from Mighty River Power to appreciate the extent of it, but the information they have thus far supplied seems to show that it will impact noticeably upon our view. We look out onto the Turitea Reserve and value the natural landscape from our living areas. We chose our land because of the view of the Turitea Reserve and along the Tararua Range; I value the breadth of the undisturbed landscape. Although at this point there are wind turbines visible in the distance they are not as invasive as the Turitea wind turbines would be for us from our property.

While the first windfarm did not seem too much of an imposition upon the land, the continued proliferation of wind farms along the Tararua ranges detracts from the beauty of the natural landscape from a number of places, not only from our property but also from various places in Palmerston North and the Manawatu.

When we were building in Pineland Dr we rented a farm cottage not far from Te Apiti windfarm and felt the effects of noise and vibration at various times. I was even woken on a few occasions from my sleep. Broken sleep and the fear of broken sleep are not a pleasant way in which to live, along with the days where at times the background noise was a constant train like sound. We were very glad to leave that house. I did complain on a couple of occasions, but was aware that we chose to move there - under a windfarm, and thus now I am extremely concerned that Mighty River Power wishes to impose on my neighbourhood a windfarm. I know that I will be able to hear them at various times. We have them to our left and to our right and in front of us. By building the proposed windfarm Mighty River Power is depriving me of the right to enjoy my environment and my lifestyle.

I am also concerned about the effect of the windfarm upon the Turitea Reserve. This is a significant area of native bush close to Palmerston North, and having seen at first hand the construction of other wind farms, I fear for the native flora and fauna of the Turitea Reserve. One of the aspects I value about living where I do is the presence of native birds, I believe that by giving them an undisturbed environment we can help protect them both now and for our future generations. I want to maintain the small pockets of native bush on my land, to encourage the spread of our native birds and to help supplement the Turitea Reserve. But I can see that the earth work and construction in the Turitea Reserve would not be conducive to the maintaining or spread of native plant and bird life.

I am also concerned about the effect of a wind farm being in the catchment area of Palmerston North's water supply. As mentioned I have seen what the construction of a wind turbine can do to land and it is beyond belief that any one would do this to a water catchment area. I know this is just personal opinion but common sense should play some role in this.

I don't think we use the resources that we have wisely enough to justify building more wind farms, especially those with the negative effects of the Turitea proposal. It is hard for some one like me to judge this but I am sure we should be trying to use electricity wisely but then we would use less and so there would be less profit for power companies. I get the impression that building this windfarm is more about making money and profit than for environmental reasons.

I hope I have been able to show that I oppose the Turitea windfarm because of;

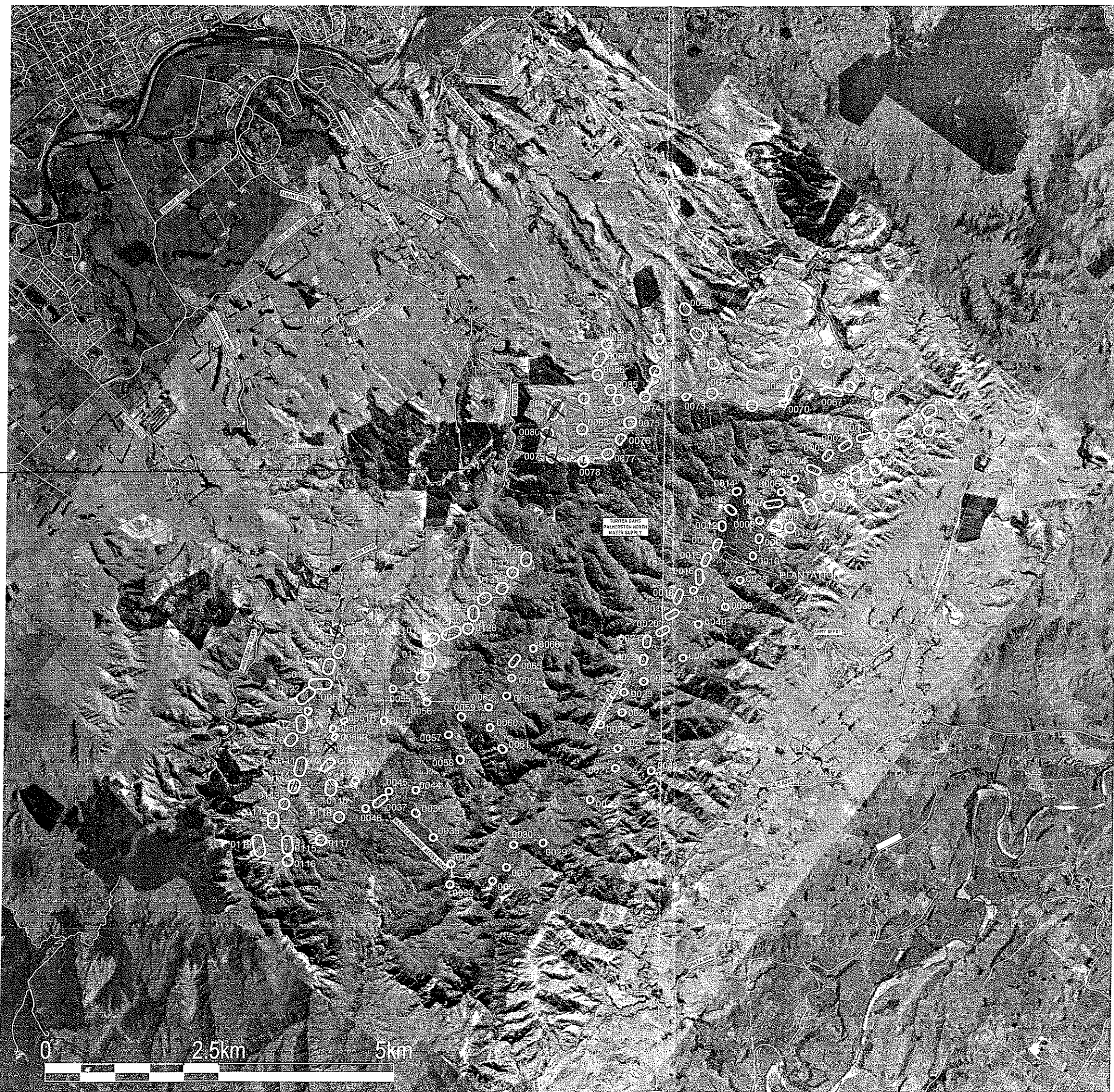
- the visual effects - both the close proximity and cumulative effect along the ranges,
- the noise and vibration effects of wind turbines
- the effects on the native plants and creatures in the Turitea Reserve
- concern over the water supply for Palmerston North
- we need to use wisely what we already have

I would hope that the information I have asked for from Mighty River Power will have arrived before I am able to speak to my submission as I may wish to use it.

In conclusion I would like to see the Turitea Windfarm proposal declined, entirely or failing that all turbines with in 5 km of a residence declined, or those residents' visual and aural amenity protected to its fullest extent and all turbines in the Turitea Reserve declined.








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Where we live.



 **FOR INFORMATION
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION**

- NOTES:
1. ORTHOPHOGRAPHY HAS A GSD OF 19m AND IS BASED ON EXISTING DTM DATA RECEIVED FROM PNCC
 2. TURBINE LOCATIONS SUPPLIED BY HRP
 3. COORDINATES BASED ON NZMG & MSL

- KEY:
-  0050 TURBINE ZONE
 -  ZONE ACCESS ROAD
 -  BYPASS ROUTE
 -  PROPOSED SUBSTATION
 -  PROPOSED TL ROUTE BETWEEN BROWNS FLAT & LINTON
 -  INDICATIVE CROSS RESERVE TL ROUTE. NOTE A FINAL ALIGNMENT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE RESOURCE CONSENT, WITH ALLOWANCES FOR ECOLOGICAL, LANDSCAPE AND GEOTECHNICAL FACTORS TO BE CONFIRMED AT THE DETAILED DESIGN PHASE
 -  INDICATIVE TL ROUTE CORRIDOR

