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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

See Attached Document

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):

I oppose the application in its entirety.

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] P.V. HANN

Date: 20/02/09

(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. 			
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:

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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SUBMISSION : PROPOSED WINDFARM TURITEA (Mighty River Power)

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I am a ratepayer and have lived in Palmerston North since 1983. I have an interest in managing our resources in sensible and sustainable way. I value the long-range unspoilt vista the Turitea area provides the city and environs..I support a finite approach to planning wind-farms and note that we have a significant number already existing on private land throughout our immediate geographic area.

I also have a permit to access the Water reserve and have done for the past 25 yrs .I am familiar with the terrain ,native flora and fauna of the area and wish to be an advocate for common sense in managing wind-farms locally and nationally.

I hear-by make submission regarding the wind-farm at Turitea, proposed by Mighty River Power and the Palmerston North City Council.

I DO NOT support the proposal of a Wind farm at this site. The following reasons will outline my objections.

Visual Effects

The Turitea Reserve is the last unspoilt skyline adjacent to and visible from Palmerston North, a major residential center. The actual visual effects of the Proposed farm in combination with the cumulative visual effects of the existing windfarms are unacceptable and contrary to a sustainable approach to resource management. Mighty River Power have been less than transparent regarding the magnitude of the visual effects which will permanently impact on the citizens of Palmerston North and the greater Manawatu. The aesthetic value of retaining an uncluttered environment on public land, particularly in a sensitive water catchment area and within and adjacent to the city boundary, is paramount.

I do not believe the public have been fully informed either by spoken or photographic attempts as to the magnitude of the visual effects on residents.

NOISE EFFECTS

I have personally experienced the noise effects of existing windmills. I was disappointed to note that the advertised assurances of minimal noise effects are inaccurate and misleading. The distance and magnitude of windmill noise was greater than residents in Ashhurst had been led to believe. There has been to date no independently funded noise assessment of the Turitea proposal.

CITY GROWTH

The logical and prudent usage of productive flat land in the Palmerston North region means that continued city growth into the less productive hill country toward the Turitea is desirable . A wind-farm in this area effectively blocks usage of that area. (No-one wants to live near a wind-farm which is within the City's gazetted boundary.)

GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD

A Turitea wind-farm does not contribute in an objective way to sensible production of electricity nation wide. The proliferation of windmills in a close geographic area has significant effect in fluctuating production conditions(which is the norm in the

Manawatu). Wind generation needs to be spread over a wide geographic area. We already have sufficient Windmills in the Manawatu both from a visual impact and economic production perspective.

ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS

The Turitea Reserve is original native bush partially modified by fire in the 1700s. The extreme nature of the climate makes regeneration of flora slow. Endangered native species are present in the Reserve eg Native Falcon .I regularly observe these birds in the reserve . No research addressing the effect of the wind-farm on specifically the Falcon and generally, other species has been done. The wind-farm is a direct and as yet not quantified (by independent objective parties) threat to the ecosystem.

ECOPARK

The Palmerston North City Council have attempted to 'sell' the idea of an ecopark. This is incompatible with a major industrial site. The PNCC's record of environmental awareness and accuracy has been inconsistent. Viz a viz the recent unsuccessful harvest of Pinus Radiata on the northern end of the Reserve. Following the cessation of harvest due to economic factors the whole area was left as a devastated ecological zone of mud and debris. The emerging native species were annihilated. I shake my head and mutter 'The Somme' when I drive through the area. This suggests the incomplete and incompetent manner that the PNCC have demonstrated in managing the natural resource of the area. To trust the wind-farm parties to be wise stewards of the ecosystem would seem risky in the light of evidence to date and what is being proposed.

PLANNED SUSTAINABILITY

I support the notion of sustainability through planned and reasonable guidelines. The environment for establishing wind-farms at present is an example of unbridled proliferation of sites in the name of what is beneficial for the planet. The logic of this is flawed if other important values are lost in the pursuit of as many windmills, in as many windy locales as possible, for the pursuit of profit.

CONCLUSION

I oppose the whole application in its entirety.



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