

533

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']

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): Michael Andrew + Angela monique NAPE GRASSICK

Postal Address: 696 Pahiatua Track Road RD 1, Palmerston North

Work Ph: (06) 3544618 Home Ph: (06) 3544618 Cell: 027-2777305

Work Fax: — Home Fax: — Email: mike-grassick@extra.co.nz

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 see attached Page.

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): [Signature] Date: 19/2/09

(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
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.



Ministry for the
Environment
 Manatū Mo Te Taiao

New Zealand Government

Wind Farm Submission.

We oppose the creation of yet another wind farm on the Tararua ridgeline because of the following main reasons.

Number one is that as we live on the Pahiatua Aokautere Road and we are directly affected by the noise created by the wind turbines as well as the visual encroachment caused by the further development of more turbines, we are currently very disappointed with the TereHau wind farm and the continuous noise these turbines create.

The direct impact on ourselves let alone anyone else in the community that lives in the shadow of these monstrosities is that number one the noise created greatly affects our enjoyment of life, the continuing wump, wump wump noise starts to work on your nerves.

Secondly the visual desecration of the surrounding sky line is appalling, don't get us wrong we knew there were wind turbines on the ridge line but the amount that are there presently is more than enough, for one city to bear it is not reasonable for the Palmerston North city to sell its soul at the cost to the enjoyment of life that the tax payers are entitled too.

Even though we are on tank water, we find it incredible that the city would allow this kind of earth movement so close to the water catchment area for the Palmerston North city, surely this is not a matter of if there is contamination but when....

We moved from Auckland to the Manawatu a couple of years ago to get a better quality of life and lured by the Manawatu motto "young heart easy living" now we have found a great house and community to live in, we are having to deal with increasing stress levels as a direct result of the construction of more and more wind turbines and deteriorating enjoyment of life that seems to be the price so easily paid by the council and now the Government.

Even if we wanted to sell and move away from the turbines if more are created, our property value will decline to a point that we would be so disadvantaged that we could not afford to buy a comparable property to live in, who is going to be responsible for the financial impact that we the rate payers and local residents are going to have to burden to help provide a supposed greener power option for the government, who is going to compensate the financial loss to property values yet to be incurred?

Enough is enough let Palmerston North be known for more than just the city with the most wind turbines in New Zealand.

Thank-you for your consideration and please do the right thing for us and the residents of the Manawatu.

Mike & Angela Grassick

696 Pahiatua Track Road RD 1, Palmerston North Ph: (06) 354 4618 / 027 2777 305