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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)

My/Our Full Name(s): Rosemary Anne Adams

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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 sheet  
  
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):  
  
See attached sheet  
  
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): R. Adams Date: 18-2-09

(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
<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:

Freeport – MRP  
Mighty River Power Ltd  
PO Box 445  
Hamilton 3240  
Attention: Stephanie Froggatt

*This is a poorly designed questionnaire.*

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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New Zealand Government

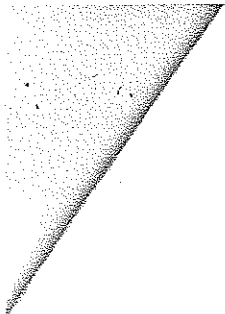
Submission on Mighty River Power Ltd Applications for  
Resource Consent under Section 145 of the Resource  
Management Act 1991

To: Ministry for the Environment

From: Mrs Rosemary Adams  
24 Greens Road  
R.D.4  
Palmerston North  
18 February 2009

The reasons for my submission are:

1. Adverse visual effects for the local and wider communities.
2. Cumulative effects – the wind farm site is located on the remaining (turbine-free) 14km of the Tararua Ranges that form the backdrop to Palmerston North city and frame the Manawatu Plains.
3. Adverse noise effects – from the numerous turbines within 50m of our boundary and within 800m of our house. I have no confidence in the noise assessment evidence presented by Mighty River Power in the proposal.
4. Amenity values – the ability to live, sleep and enjoy living in our house and to work on our rural property that is directly below several turbines, will be severely compromised. The proposed wind farm site is next to a major fault line.
5. Traffic – concerns regarding the adverse effects of construction traffic using Kahuterawa Road, Greens Road and the private farm driveway that is next to and above our property, plus ongoing maintenance vehicles. Greens Road is a very quiet rural, no exit metal road. The traffic assessment provided by Mighty River Power is woefully inadequate.

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6. Economic, social and cultural sustainability of communities. Divisions are already apparent in the local community. A few landowners stand to gain enormous royalties for "selling the wind" while those severely affected neighbours receive no compensation whatsoever.
  7. 'Eco Park'. This is a mythical concept. PNCC offered this as a 'sweetener' to sell the concept of turbines in the Turitea Reserve.
  8. Adverse effects on the quality of the water supplied to Palmerston North City. Water is the most essential precious resource that humans need and should never be placed at risk by an industrial development in the water catchment area.
  9. Failure of duty of care under the Local Government Act 2002 by Palmerston North City Council and Horizons Regional Council to their communities. Outcomes were to be determined through the RMA process leaving residents to 'prove their innocence'.
  10. Adverse effect of this development on the Kahuterawa Outdoor Recreation Area. This resource has been planned for the past 10 years and is not compatible with the severe visual and noise effects that will dominate the area. Adverse effects on the ability to use Te Araroa walkway.
  11. Climate change is an ongoing debate and not settled. IPCC predictions have been challenged by numerous scientists.

I seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry:

**In principle I oppose the application in its entirety.**

- Specifically to decline the following turbines:  
37,45,46,47,48,52,54,55,56,110,111,112,113,114,115,116,117,118,119,120,121,122,123,124,125,127,128,129,130,131,132,133,134,135,136.
- At least 2km offset of turbines to the nearest property and 2km offset from our property of the Brown's Flat substation and concrete batching plant.
- Reduction of the lapse period from 10 years to 3 years. Mighty River Power have requested a call-in to speed up this application so delaying the construction for 10 years doesn't make sense. The affected community will be kept in limbo.
- Noise management plan.
- Tar sealing of Greens Road from the junction of Kahuterawa Road for approx. 680m. A 20km/hr speed limit on Greens Road and a 60km/hr speed limit on Kahuterawa Road. The traffic management plan should include a representative from the nearby affected (not receiving royalties) community.
- Lease period should be 20 years not 60 years. Turbine life is at the most 20 years. This consent should not be forced on our descendants.
- Request that the Board of Inquiry obtain independent reports on socio-economic impacts, noise, traffic, assessment that includes amenity values, health affects of turbine noise, flicker and a cultural impact assessment.
- There is no cultural impact assessment in this proposal. It is difficult to comment on the cultural impact without a C.I.A.

I wish to present evidence and documentation (including expert evidence) to support my submission.

I wish to speak to my submission as well as using experts to present evidence.