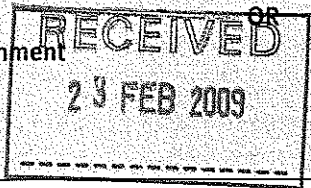


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SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

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): ANNE JUDITH MILNE

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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:

1. Application contravenes the current Regional Policy Statement or landscapes of regional significance.
 2. Cumulative effect.
 3. Loss of amenity value.
 4. Concern over effect on land, flora + fauna
 5. Concern that the water quality of Palmerston North will be compromised
- 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):

That the applications for all resource consents be declined.

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): A. Judith Milne

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.)



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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 Kahutērāwa 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.



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1. The Kairanga district is a farming area on the Manawatu plains and is situated over the Manawatu River to the north west of the proposed Turitea wind farm. From various parts of the district an uninterrupted view of the ranges, extending from the Ruahine Ranges to the north east to the highest peaks of the Tararua Ranges to the south, is visible. The district is in the "visually insignificant" zone of 8.5-18km distance from the proposed Turitea wind farm, as described by Mighty River Power.
2. My family has lived and farmed in Kairanga for well over a hundred years. I have lived in the district for almost all of my sixty four years. We have a love of the land and of our landscape, which is a part of us.
3. Living on the extensive Manawatu plains, we looked to the ranges often. They are our backbone, our reference point, and they define the Manawatu region.
4. Ever-changing, the ranges offer variety and beauty. The sun and moon rise over them and with constant variations in light, and the seasonal weather changes, they keep us "in touch". A recent temporary move to Palmerston North, where large parts of the skyline are not often visible at once, has only emphasized the importance of the ranges in giving a sense of place.
5. Unfortunately, the parts of the ranges closest to Kairanga and nearby districts are those already, or about to be, covered in wind turbines. Added to existing and already consented wind farms, if the Turitea proposal is consented we will see over thirty kilometres of continual turbines along the ranges. This represents approximately 90 degrees of view from our property of thirty years on Lockwood Road. The cumulative effect will dramatically change the views we love.
6. Although the district is on the edge of, or beyond, the "visually insignificant" zone of the existing wind farms, because many of the turbines are on the skyline they are often obvious. At times, with the setting sun and cloud behind, the existing turbines show up in stark relief. The spinning of the blades is noticeable. At other times we see a forest of what look like dead tree trunks poking above the skyline.
7. The proposed Turitea wind farm will be closer and the turbines taller than in other wind farms, so the visual effect on the skyline will be more than "visually insignificant". MRP has recognized on P37 of the landscape document that the ranges are an obvious feature when viewed from the flat alluvial plain, that the wind farm is in an area of high amenity value because it is a strong topographic feature with high coherence (P40), and that some effects on the skyline will be more than minor (p41).
8. Kairanga is situated in zones A, B, C, and D of the mapping visibility parameters (p44ff) The whole of 51 to 79 turbines will be visible, and the swept path of the blades visible of up to the total number of turbines.

9. Rangitane Reserve and the Otira walkway provide the nearest views of the ranges to our current temporary address in Palmerston North, with sweeping vistas across mown grass and paddocks to the ranges. These are views of peace and tranquility. However, as the part of the ranges these reserves face will be a part of the proposed Turitea wind farm, that calm will be replaced with activity and busyness. These reserves are in the "potentially noticeable" viewshed of 3.5 - 8kms distance, and in zones A, B, C, and D of the mapping visibility parameters.
10. Horizons Regional Policy Statement, the current operating regional document, recognizes the skyline of the Tararuas as an outstanding natural feature or landscape of regional significance (p.i. 12), and provides for the protection of its values in Policy 8.3 p i (p 102).
11. With reference to the proposed Horizons One Plan, hearings on the topic of landscapes and natural character have not yet been held, so the One Plan cannot be used with authority, or as an operating document.