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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

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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): He Kupenga Hao i te Reo (Inc)

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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: *Tirohia nga konero e tapirihia nei.*

If you are attaching further information tick for yes

Please use more pages if you need to.

We seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry (provide precise details including the nature of any conditions sought):

Kia kama e whakaeahia.

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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] (hekeretari)* Date: 20/02/2009

(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.



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He tāpaetanga kōrero hei whakahē i te tono a Mighty River Power ki te whakatū pāmu kapohau ki Turītea.

Nā He Kupenga Hao i te Reo (Inc)

1. He rōpū a He Kupenga Hao i te Reo (Inc), i whakatūria i te tau 1990, ā, kua 19 tau ināianei e mahi ana i ā mātou mahi i te rohe o Manawatū. Ko tā mātou kaupapa matua, ko te hāpai i te reo Māori hei reo kōrero i ngā wāhi katoa o Aotearoa, i ngā wā katoa. Nō reira e pūmau nei mātou ki tā mātou kaupapa, e tāpae atu nei i ō mātou whakaaro mō tēnei take i roto i te reo Māori, te reo taketake, te reo rangatira o tō tātou whenua. Nō ngā hau e whā, nō ngā iwi maha o Aotearoa ngā tāngata o roto i tō mātou rōpū. Ehara mātou i te rōpū mana whenua o tēnei takiwā.
2. E tāpae nei mātou i ō mātou whakaaro i runga anō i te aroha. Tēnei taonga nui i tauratua mai i tērā atu rautau, e tērā o ngā rangatira o te iwi kāinga o Rangitāne. Ina te kōrero a Peeti Te Aweawe, ‘kua kaupapa i ahau te aroha mā koutou e whakaoti’. Ko tōna aroha ki ngā uri whakatipu o tēnei takiwā, ko tōna aroha anō hoki ki tōna whenua o Te Manawatū.
3. E whakahē ana mātou i te tono a Mighty River Power.
4. Kāore mātou e whakaae ana kia whakatūria anō he pāmu kapohau ki te paehiwi o Tararua. He tino taonga te paehiwi o Tararua, ina te kōrero whaimana, te kōrero whakahihī mō tēnei rohe e mōhio whānuitia ana e te motu, “Ko Tararua te pae maunga, ko Manawatū te awa”. Kua paru katoa te awa i te mahi tūkinu a te tangata. E whakahau ana mātou kia kua e tūkinohia te katoa o te pae maunga. He tāmi, he whakaparahako i te iwi kāinga, i a Rangitāne, otirā i te hunga katoa e hono ā-wairua ana ki tēnei rohe. E kī ana mātou, kua rahi ināianei ngā kapohau ki ngā paehiwi o Manawatū. Mai i Te Āpiti o Manawatū ki te Ara o Pahiatua, kua tūtū mai ngā kapohau i roto i ngā tau kua hori ake nei. Āpiti atu ki ēnei ko ērā kua whakaetia, ā kō kō ake nei whakatūria ai. He anuheia ki a mātou te titiro atu ki ngā kapohau i ngā hiwi e karapotu nei i te rohe o Manawatū, he kino te āhua, he wenewene ki runga i te mata o te whenua, he tāmi i te wairua o te tangata, he takahi i tō tātou tipuna whaea i a Papatūānuku.
5. Ina tirohia te pūrongo a Tānenuiārangi Manawatū¹, tētahi o ngā rōpū mana whenua o Rangitāne, i tuhia mō te pāmu kapohau o Moturimu, tērā e kitea te tino whakahē a te iwi mō te whakatū i ētahi pāmu kapohau anō ki tō rātou tipuna maunga. Arā:
 - 5.1. whārangi 38: E tohe ana a Rangitāne ki Manawatū, kua tōpuni katoa tēnei rohe ki ngā kapohau, ko te mutunga ake, he kawa katoa ki tā te iwi titiro. (Rangitāne o Manawatū feel that the area is becoming heavily saturated with wind turbines and is aesthetically producing a landscape that is displeasing to the iwi.)

¹ Tanenuiārangi Manawatu Incorporated, (2006). *Cultural Impact Assessment, Motorimu Wind Farm Limited*.

- 5.2. whārangī 43: E tino kitea ana ngā kapohau i te pae maunga mai i ngā marae o te rohe, waihoki he kawa tonu ki te iwi kāinga me ā rātou mahuhiri whakaeke.
(Wind farms on our ranges are becoming more visual from various marae within the region and they are being viewed negatively by the iwi and their guests.)
- 5.3. whārangī 43: Ko tētahi o ngā hua whānui ka puta, ko te heke haere o te mana o te iwi. (In general an overall effect that may occur is a loss of mana for the iwi.)
- 5.4. whārangī 47: Ko te māharahara matua o Rangitāne ki Manawatū, ko te memeha haere o te mauri o te pae maunga o Tararua. (the Rangitāne o Manawatū main concern with the wind farm is its impact directly on the supply of mauri from the ranges)
- 5.5. whārangī 47: He nui tonu te māharahara ki ngā raruraru ka tau ki te taiiao me te oranga o te iwi e noho pātata ana ki pāmu kapohau. (There is considerable concern for the impacts on the environment and on the wellbeing of the community below the wind farm.)
6. E tohe ana mātou, e tino hāngai ana ēnei whakaaro o rātou mō te pāmu kapohau o Moturimu, ki tēnei tono a Mighty River Power, ki te whakatu pāmu kapohau ki Turitea. Ko te wāhi ki a mātou, ki a He Kupenga Hao i te Reo, he tautoko i ēnei whakaaro o te iwi kāinga.
7. I te Pepuere 2007 i whakarauikatia te papa hākinakina o te Manawatū e te tini me te mano i haere mai ki te whakanui i Te Mataini kapa haka. I roto i ngā whaikōrero a ngā iwi whakaeke, i roto i ngā waiata me ngā haka a ngā rōpū whakataetae, ka whakanuia te pae maunga o Tararua me tōna tapu, ina ko te mana o te iwi kāinga o Rangitāne. He tohu tērā i te whakaaro nui o te iwi Māori ki ō rātou maunga.
8. He papa whenua tō mātou, kei te pito o Millricks Line, kei raro iho i te paehiwi o Te Mata, tētahi wāhanga tonu o te pae maunga o Tararua. E tino whai ana mātou i ngā tikanga o te kaitiakitanga mō tēnei papa whenua, ā, nā te pātata atu ki te pae maunga, e tino rongō ana mātou i te wairua o te pae maunga. Nā mātou anō i whakahē te tono a Moturimu ina tata nei kia whakatūria he pāmu kapohau ki te pae hiwi o Te Mata, ā, he ōrite anō tā mātou whakahē i tēnei tono mō Turitea.
9. E aroha ana mātou ki te marae o Huatau, i runga i te pātata o te marae ki ngā kapohau e tonoa ana e Mighty River Power mō Turitea. Ka tino taetae atu te hoihoi o ngā kapohau ki Huatau, otirā, ka tino kitea atu ngā kapohau e tū tū ana ki muri, ki runga ake anō i te marae. I tēnei wā, he wahi e tino tau ana te marire. Ina whakatūria ngā kapohau, ko tino raruraru te mauri o te marae, tōna āiotanga me ōna tikanga.
10. E hiahia ana mātou kia tū ki mua i te aroaro o te Poari ki te whakatakoto i tā mātou tāpaetanga kōrero mō tēnei take.


(Leticia)

A submission opposing the Mighty River's proposal to establish a wind farm at Turitea.

From He Kupenga Hao i te Reo Incorporated

1. He Kupenga Hao i te Reo (Inc) was established in 1990 and has been carrying on its work in the Manawatū region for 19 years now. Our main business is supporting the Māori language as a language of communication throughout New Zealand on all occasions. We therefore remain true to our business by submitting our thoughts on this issue in the Māori language, the indigenous and noble language of our country. The people in our organisation are from all areas of New Zealand and from many different tribes. We are not a group that has customary authority over the land in this area.
2. We submit our thoughts with a sense of regard and loving concern (aroha). These feelings were exemplified the century before last by one of the chiefs of the home people, Peeti Te Aweawe. It was he who stated, 'I have begun to implement aroha, it's for you finish it'. He was referring to his concern for the future generations in this area and his love for his land of Manawatū.
3. We oppose Mighty River Power's proposal.
4. We do not agree with a wind farm being established on the Tararua range. The Tararua range is a really valued part of the landscape, and this is demonstrated by the saying known throughout the land that shows our pride in this region, "Tararua is the range of mountains, Manawatū is the region". The river has been completely spoilt by the work of man. We urge that the whole of the Tararua range not be spoilt. The effect of the proposal will be to oppress and discriminate against the local people, Rangitāne, who are spiritually connected to this region. We contend there are enough wind turbines already on the Tararua range. From the Manawatū Gorge to the Pahiatua Saddle Road wind turbines have been erected in the past. In addition there are those that have already been agreed to and will be erected in the near future. We find it ugly to look and the wind turbines on the hills surrounding the region of Manawatū, they look bad, they are a blot on the landscape, and they oppress the spirit of the people and trample our ancestral Mother Earth.
5. If you look at the report of Tānenuiārangi Manawatū¹, one of the organisations of Rangitāne with customary authority, you will see the people's adamant objection the establishment of a wind farm on their ancestral mountain. As below:
 - 5.1 page 38: Rangitāne of Manawatū feel that the area is becoming saturated with wind turbines and is aesthetically producing a landscape that is displeasing to the people.

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- 5.2 page 43: Wind farms on our ranges are becoming more visual from various marae within the region and they are being viewed negatively by the iwi and their guests.
- 5.3 page 43: One of the overall effects that will occur is a loss of mana for the iwi.
- 5.4 page 47: Rangitāne of Manwatū's main concern with the wind farm is its direct impact on the flow of mauri (life principle, thymos) from the Tararua range.
- 5.5 page 47: There is considerable concern for the impact on the environment and on the wellbeing of the community below the wind farm.
6. We maintain that these thoughts of theirs about the Motorimu wind farm are very pertinent to this proposal from Mighty River Power to establish a wind farm at Turitea. We, He Kupenga Hao i te Reo, support the position of the local iwi.
7. In February 2007 thousands of people gathered together at the Manawatū sports grounds to take part in Te Matatini, the national kapa haka festival. In the speeches, songs and haka of the visiting groups the sacredness of the Tararua range, which is part and parcel of the mana of Rangitāne, was celebrated. This is an indication of the esteem Māori have for their mountains.
8. We have a block of land at the end of Millricks Line beneath the Te Mata range, a part of the Tararua ranges. We adhere to the custom of guardianship for this block of land, and because of its proximity to the Tararua range we are indeed in touch with the spirit of the range. We recently opposed the Motorimu proposal to erect a wind farm on the Te Mata range of hills, and, for the same reason we oppose the proposal for Turitea.
9. We feel sorry for Huatau marae because of its proximity to the wind turbines being proposed for Turitea by Mighty River Power. The noise from these wind turbines will certainly reach Huatau; furthermore they will be readily visible standing behind and above the marae. At the present time this is a tranquil, peaceful spot. When the wind turbines are erected the life force, the tranquillity and the customs of the marae will be seriously jeopardised.
10. We wish to stand before the Board and give our submission on this issue in person.

Signed
Ian Christensen
Secretary