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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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Ministry for the Environment  
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The Terrace  
Wellington 6143

OR  
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23 FEB 2009

Email: turiteacallin@mfe.govt.nz  
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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): JAMES ANTHONY ANDERSON

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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*   
(i) That the establishment of the proposed Mighty River Power wind farm at Turitea will significantly, and detrimentally, affect the visual aspect of the Tararua Ranges - the only significant visual natural landscape the Manawatu has to offer.  
(ii) That consideration of such a development should, in any event, await National Guidelines for wind farm location to be established. *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) That the establishment of the proposed windfarm will have a severe detrimental impact on the visual environment and therefore that the required Land Use Consents are counter to the sustainability requirements of the RMA. The Consents are therefore declined.  
(ii) That it is inappropriate to make a judgement in the absence of National Guidelines. Judgements are therefore deferred. *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): J. Anderson

Date: 15th Feb, 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.)



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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
<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:**

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

Or email [turitea@mightyriver.co.nz](mailto: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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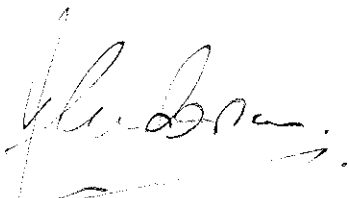
## Letter in support of submission against proposed Turitea wind farm

Our most important sense is sight, and our greatest perception of our environment is visual. Accordingly, protection of the visual amenity of our environment needs to be provided greater attention than currently occurs.

The Manawatu has only one significantly visible environmental landscape – the Tararua Ranges. They dominate our horizon to the north, east and south. They can be spectacularly scenic through a range of daily, and seasonal, colours. They are the backdrop to the City and the surrounding areas. It is a visual amenity that many, myself included, have favoured in our house location and layout.

The establishment of 122 wind turbines will deface this amenity - it would be hard to imagine a wind farm development having a greater visual impact. “Beauty” and “Landscape” are usually linked concepts. Preservation of “Landscape” must therefore be accorded a primary concern of any Environmental Hearing, and that is certainly so in this case.

Tom Sharpe’s play “Blott on the Landscape” comes to mind, but one of Dennis Potter’s most successful early plays was “Blue Remembered Hills”. I urge that the Tararuas do not become this.



James Anderson