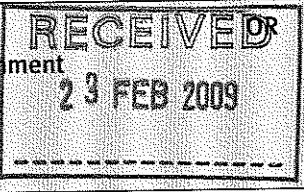


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SUBMISSION ON MIGHTY RIVER POWER LTD APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT

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): Roger John and Carol Anita THOMASEN

Postal Address: 110 POLSON HILL DRIVE, RD1, PALMERSTON NORTH

Work Ph: _____ Home Ph: 06 3552562 Cell: -

Work Fax: _____ Home Fax: _____ Email: _____

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
On 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):
We believe that the Board of Inquiry should Decline this Application in its Entirety due to the negative effect it will have on the Palmerston North environment.
Please use more pages if you need to.

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 J Thomesen Date: 19/02/2009
C.A. Thomesen

(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.



Ministry for the
Environment
Manatū Mo Te Taiao

New Zealand Government

We live at Polson Hill Drive at Aokautere near Palmerston North only a few kilometers in distance from the proposed site of Mighty River Power's Wind Farm. Because of the closeness of our property to this development we fear that our enjoyment of our property may be hindered by this development and the adverse effects we believe it will have on our environment in both Palmerston North and also in surrounding areas. The reasons for our opposition are many and varied and we will now outline our concerns.

Mighty Rivers proposed Wind Farm will if fully consented to, add a further 122 wind turbines to the Tararua Range. Adding these turbines to the Wind Farms that already exist and the further 140 turbines that have gained resource consent but are yet to be constructed will result in the range being covered in turbines in the entire vicinity of Palmerston North. It is our belief that the cumulative effect of these turbines is something that is unprecedented in a New Zealand context and unprecedented Internationally within such close proximity to an Urban Area. The Adverse effects of this project extend to the fact that many of the proposed Turbines will be sited within the Turitea Reserve. This reserve is one of the few remaining areas of native bush within the general vicinity of Palmerston North. We believe that this situation is unacceptable and it becomes even more unacceptable when it is taken into account that the Palmerston North Urban area gains its supply of water from this area. We fear that any soil disturbance in this area may have an adverse effect on this water supply. We are also concerned about the effects of noise pollution from these turbines. Noise from Wind Turbines is something that has not been fully investigated and we believe that the potential for adverse health effects for many residents who will live within a few kilometers of turbines is great. There are few places in the world where Wind Turbines are situated so close to an Urban Environment and as a result of this we are concerned about the potential for adverse effects on the health of the population.

We acknowledge that the proposed Wind Farm Development will provide a number of positives with regard to meeting New Zealand's International commitments and the national target for 90% of electricity to be coming from renewable resources by 2025. We do however question if these goals should take precedence over the adverse effects that this proposal will have for Palmerston North and the surrounding regions. We believe that the environment in the Northern Tararua Range will be asked to carry more than its fair share of the countries renewable energy supply needs. With the Mangahao Dam near Shannon and the existing Wind Farm developments the Northern Tararua Range is already being well exploited for renewable energy supplies. While Mighty Rivers proposed Wind Farm development will give the country positive impacts through meeting targets for renewable generation we believe that the adverse effects on the local environment will far outweigh these positive impacts. For these reasons we ask that the commissioners decline consent for this proposal in the interests of our community and its environment.