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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	RECEIVED 23 FEB 2009	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: Dr Mr Mrs Miss Ms (Please circle the appropriate title(s) or print clearly below)

My/Our Full Name(s): Jane Coad

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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: attached 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):

Please use more pages if you need to.

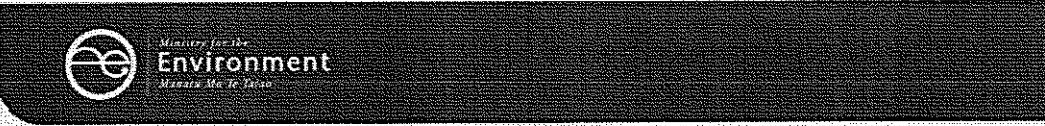
Use a clear tick in the appropriate box below (✓)

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): Jane Coad Date: 23 Feb 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
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 m² 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:

Freeport – 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 of the
Environment
 Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

New Zealand Government

Firstly, I explicitly state that I have no conflict of interest. I have not entered into any contract with Mighty River Power or Palmerston North City Council and I am free to express my concerns and opinions.

I am a scientist and artist. Most of my life has been spent in inner city areas where the horizon could not be seen. I came to live in New Zealand 7 years ago. I give advice to students considering studying at Massey University and moving to Palmerston North. I tell them what a delightful place Palmerston North is. Since I joined Massey, the programme that I am involved with has become one of the most successful of his kind. I talk to residents of Palmerston North who have lived here for lifetimes or generations. The delights of living in Palmerston North seem to be some of New Zealand's best kept secrets. I exhibit my work both nationally and internationally; much of it is influenced by my environment.

I support energy conservation and sustainable energy policies and have been associated with environmental campaigns for over 30 years. I do not support the current plans for the development of the windmills because of the cumulative visual effect of so many windmills. The city boundary of Palmerston North is visually limited by the extent of the outer manmade structures. Placing windmills around the perimeter of Palmerston North would markedly extend the visual impact city boundary, particularly as the windmills would be visible from all over Palmerston North. Windmills on the horizon have a very different visual impact than windmills on the horizon.

I also object to the way this plan has been carried out. Mighty River Power has bought support and restricted free speech. Palmerston North City Council has dealt in misinformation and has considered individual aspects of the proposed development rather than taking a long-term holistic view. Short-term profit has driven council policy. This is abrogation of the responsibility placed in the hands of the elected councillors. Even apparently objective local journalists have been manipulated and contributed to misleading their readers.

Placing windmills as planned is desecrating the natural beauty of our city and its surrounds. We are custodians of the environment; we care for it for our children - it is not ours to destroy.

