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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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[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): FREDERIK PROWELS

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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

→ ALL TYPED OUT AS HANDWRITING BAD!
See separate pages

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):

NOT approve Resource Consent to Mighty River Power
See separate pages

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):

Date: 23/2/09

(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.)



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 Kahuterāwa 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:			
• 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.		✓	
Taranua District Council – Land-use Consents			
1448:			
• for a wind farm (which is not listed as a permitted or controlled activity) in the areas within the Taranua District as generally shown on the included map		✓	
• for land disturbance of more than 200 m ³ of soil and cleanfill material associated with tracking and roading, turbine construction, spoil disposal and other associated works in the areas within the Taranua 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 Taranua District		✓	
• for the modification of a Significant Natural Feature in Schedule 3.3 (i.e. Taranua Ranges Ridgeline)		✓	
• for not meeting noise requirements		✓	
• for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Taranua 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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Environment
Manatū Mo Te Taiao

New Zealand Government

I, Frederik Pauwels, would like to :

OPPOSE THE RESOURCE CONSENT FOR MIGHTY RIVER POWER.

In my opinion the key issues, which I include in my submission, are:

1. Turbines in the reserve. Building turbines, or any other large industrial construction, in a reserve is inappropriate and sets a very bad precedent for any other protected area in this country. It is principally wrong to change the resource consent from one which clearly not suited for industrial energy production. The construction cannot in my opinion be done without severe damage to the reserve, no matter what the company tries to tell you. I have seen the works involved with the other windfarms and the correct word for is devastation. The presence of approximately 60 turbines within the reserve will completely alter the character of the reserve; and the removal of approximately 25 hectares of native forest to build the wind turbines will be a real loss to New Zealand.

2. Cumulative effect. The Manawatu currently has 366 existing or consented wind turbines within its ranges. The addition of 122 more turbines will effectively fill up the remaining ridgeline above Palmerston North. I feel that our region has already done enough to satisfy the ever increasing electricity consumption. The resolution of the energy crisis is to simply be more economic with resources: USE LESS! But that does not put money in the pockets of the power companies.

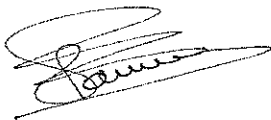
3. Effect of turbines on people's homes. The proposal submitted by Mighty River Power, if accepted without modification, will lead to the construction of a wind farm unlike any other currently in the Manawatu in terms of size of turbines, number of turbines, and proximity to homes. At a height of 125 meters, the turbines in the Turitea Wind Farm will be larger than any others currently in our region, and yet the proposal by Mighty River Power situates these gigantic turbines closer to more homes than are the turbines at the Te Apiti, Tararua, and Te Rere Hau wind farms. There are many homes located less than 2km from the proposed wind farm. The people living in these homes may suffer substantial visual and noise effects. I ask that no turbines be sited less than 2km from an inhabited dwelling.

4. Water quality. Mighty River Power has requested permission to undertake earthworks and discharge clean fill to land in the process of constructing the turbines. The resource consent application states that the design team has been specifically focused on avoiding impacts on the Upper Turitea Catchment (which is the water supply catchment) (page 103) and Appendix F in the resource consent application (the Turitea Water Quality Monitoring Plan) states that its principal objective is to outline a water quality monitoring programme in the Turitea Water Supply Catchment (page 3), however there is no provision for monitoring the water quality downstream of the Turitea Dam. There are numerous unnamed tributaries traversing the area in which the turbines will be constructed on Bryant Hill that flow into the Turitea stream downstream of the dam site. I am concerned that the quality of the stream will be adversely affected.

5. Finally, I was surprised to learn that, should they ever cease to operate the wind farm, there is no provision for removal of the turbines! Will it be then again the rate payers which have to pay one the powercompanies have filled their pockets.

In conclusion: I strongly oppose to this resource consent,

Yours truly,



Frederik Pauwels.