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 Re: Turitea Call In

This submission relates to the applications for resource consent lodged by Mighty River power Ltd for the Turitea Windfarm proposal as identified on the back of the printed submission form.

This submission is made by Cycle Aware Manawatu.

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The reasons for our submission are as follows.

The community group Cycle Aware Manawatu are opposed to the development of the proposed Turitea windfarm, part of which will be within the Turitea Nature Reserve. At our meeting of 29 January 2009 the group decided unanimously to make a submission opposing the development.

We support and promote all forms of cycling in the Manawatu both as transport and recreation. The proposed windfarm will adversely affect recreational cycling and to a lesser extent, commuter cycling. The cycling route up the unsealed section of Turitea Road and through onto Greens Road is a popular ride for mountain bikers travelling to the Kahutarawa Valley and "K-Loop" facilities, or completing a circuit close to Palmerston North. It is particularly valuable for novice and intermediate level mountain bikers for whom the nearby designated mountain bike trails are too difficult. This route is the only cycling amenity of this type in the area and is of great importance to Manawatu's many dedicated cyclists who are able to ride from home without the need for motorised transport. This easily accessible ride allows cyclists to escape from the city to the peace and tranquillity of the quiet hills. For many this is a major advantage of living in the Manawatu.

We are concerned that the application would allow for large truck and trailer units and other vehicles to be operated 24/7 on the Pahiatua track, Greens Road, and Kahutarawa Road for up to two years during construction and then daily traffic flow to work sites. This increase in heavy vehicle traffic will adversely affect cyclists biking on these roads.

If the windfarm is built cyclists and many others will find the environment adversely affected by the industrial machinery and the noise it generates and by the upheaval caused during construction. Other mountain bike routes in the region for example, the North Range Road ride, have already been affected in this way, and the Scotts Road ride would be affected by the consented Motorimu scheme. We recognise the ecological advantages of wind energy but believe that we in the Manawatu have already given up enough of our skyline and our community amenity to the nation's renewable energy needs.

We ask that the Board of Inquiry reject all of the applications under consideration.

We wish to be heard in respect of our submission at the public hearing. A copy of this submission has been sent to Mighty River Power Ltd at <turitea@mightyriver.co.nz>.

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