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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)

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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

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):

TO REJECT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENT LODGED BY MIGHTY RIVER POWER FOR THEIR PROPOSED TURITEA WIND FARM.

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): W Pearson

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.)



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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:			
• 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.		✓	
<b>Tararua District Council – Land-use Consents</b>			
1448:			
• 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 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		✓	
• 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 Rangés 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](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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**The reasons for my submission are:**

1. Significant Ecological Damage – Destruction of this locally vital native reserve would be a disgrace and would make a mockery of all sites designated as reserves.
2. Visual Effects – Extremely destructive of the natural character of the reserve. The cumulative effects on the entire Tararua Range adjacent to PN and the surrounding area would be vastly detrimental.

Plans for adjoining Kahuterawa recreational area promise “impressive vistas for people who want to enjoy the natural scenery”, but this proposal would bring giant turbines within metres of the finest viewpoints on the Sledge Track.

3. Water Quality – The risk is low but still present and utterly unacceptable.
4. Noise – Effects are difficult to predict but potentially very serious and could well extend into the city.
5. Social Impact – Neighbours have been and would continue to be set at odds with many suffering potentially serious impacts on their quality of life, while a few are paid large sums by MRP.
6. Sustainable Transport – Cycling for both recreation and transport would be significantly diminished by the impact on Turitea Road, Greens Road, Kahuterawa Road and Pahiatua Track. These roads represent the core of mountain-biking activities for Palmerston North and provide popular road cycling routes as well as commuter routes.
7. Sustainable Energy – This should not be produced at the expense of native reserves or neighbours’ quality of life. New Zealand needs to take action to reduce unnecessary energy demands by vastly increasing energy efficiency.

Palmerston North has become a dumping ground for wind energy schemes and has already done more than enough to generate energy used elsewhere. The impact of any Turitea Windfarm would further reduce the attractiveness and amenity values of Palmerston North.

8. In Summary – Let us not be deluded; the proposal is before us because a state-owned enterprise has seen an opportunity to make a lot of money. The tactics used to meet this goal result in dividing people from their neighbours and silencing those most able to oppose such a damaging scheme. It is high time that national guidelines were in place to protect people and important environments from indiscriminate energy production proposals.