

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): ISOBEL ALICE MILDON

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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

Attached

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):

That all resource consents applied for be declined.

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): J. A. Mildon

Date: 22/02/09

(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
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:			
• 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:			
• 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 ³ 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.



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Submission on Application for Resource Consent by Mighty River Power

Isobel Mildon
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I am ninety four years of age and I have lived in Palmerston North for sixteen years, but all my earlier life was rural, living in the Kairanga area adjacent to Palmerston North. Pre marriage I was involved in dairy farming, and after marriage with sheep farming. I've lived through droughts and floods and even snow in Kairanga , believe it or not.

Through the years one assimilates knowledge of the use and misuse of land and its soil, and the relationship between hills and plains. We look to the hills for knowledge of forthcoming weather and the general state of the countryside, and the ever-changing scenes of sunrise and sunset, light and shadow. The hills are the backbone of our environment.

When I moved to Palmerston North, a necessity not a desire, my complaint was "I cannot see the loveliness of the hills from where I live except for a tiny precious peep between trees, and in the winter when the trees are bare".

The Turitea Reserve has been the primary source of water for Palmerston North ever since it has grown from small town to city, supplemented by bore water as the population grew. The Reserve has been a restricted area to preserve the natural purity of the Turitea stream and water catchment area.

Four different wind farming companies have so far negotiated with private land owners to erect 366 turbines of varying heights in our hills from the Ashhurst side of the Manawatu River to near Tokomaru. Some are already built, others are yet to be built.

At least these companies had the decency to leave Turitea alone, but not Mighty River Power who now wants to get into the act too. As well as applying for up to 65 turbines on private land, they added insult to injury by negotiating with Palmerston North City Council to change the status of the Turitea Reserve, opening up the possibility of putting sixty two turbines and associated structures in the water reserve.

I cannot believe that the erection of sixty two turbines, 125 metres high - that is nearly four times the height of the clock tower - can be achieved without erosion, followed by sedimentation of the water. Each turbine requires an enormous concrete pad to support it. The roading required to transport the heavy haulage of equipment needed to achieve the final result is zero short of desecration.

Rape can take many forms. This is rape that risks our water supply, damages our environment, and does not fulfil our obligations to future generations.