

# 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: Ms Mr (Mrs) Miss Ms (Please circle the appropriate title(s) or print clearly below)

~~My~~/Our Full Name(s): NEIL DRUMMOND OGILVIE, DOROTHY HEARIST OGILVIE

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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   
See attached statement.  
Please use more pages if you need to.

~~We~~ seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry (provide precise details including the nature of any conditions sought):  
See attached statement.  
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).

~~We~~ DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make ~~my~~/our submission in writing only.

Signature(s): Neil Ogilvie, Dorothy Ogilvie Date: 13/ 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
<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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to establish and operate a wind farm in the areas within the Palmerston North city jurisdiction as generally shown on the included map</li> <li>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</li> <li>for the western side of Pahiatua Aokautere Road not meeting access requirements at the location shown on the included map</li> <li>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</li> <li>for the construction of a 220 kV electricity transmission line and substations as shown on the included map.</li> </ul>		✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓
<b>Tararua District Council – Land-use Consents</b>			
1448: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>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</li> <li>for upgrades to South Range Road and the construction of new site access at the location shown on the included map</li> <li>for turbine and wind monitoring mast structures not meeting height requirements within the Tararua District</li> <li>for the modification of a Significant Natural Feature in Schedule 3.3 (ie, Tararua Ranges Ridgeline)</li> <li>for not meeting noise requirements</li> <li>for clearance of indigenous vegetation in the areas within the Tararua District as generally shown on the included map.</li> </ul>		✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓

**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

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 Mō Te Taiao

New Zealand Government

Reasons for our Submission:

I am a retired medical practitioner and my wife is an ex- teacher. We live in the Summerhill area of Palmerston North. Our house looks over the Turitea Reserve area and the Tararua Ranges, where we also go tramping.

A) The proposed Mighty River Power (MRP) wind farm development will cause significant visual impact and damage to the landscape of the area, both from the height of the towers, their number and the area they are spread over.

There are already six existing wind farms in the area and they have caused serious adverse cumulative visual effects. The consented turbine towers have not yet all been constructed and eventually there will be 40% more than at present ( despite the fact that Motorimu windfarm was limited because of adverse visual effects). The MRP windfarm with 122 proposed turbines, each 125 metres in height from ground to blade tip will increase the visual pollution a great deal. Palmerston North area has already provided its fair share ,compared with the rest of the country in supplying sites for windfarms. Enough is enough of triffids marching across the countryside and filling the horizon of hills behind Palmerston North.

B) Construction work when forming the MRP windfarm is also a concern. The area is high and is also a water catchment area for Palmerston North water supply. The vegetation is delicate and sensitive to adverse effects. There will be extensive excavation and alteration of land with its effects on the vegetation and erosion, which will be ongoing due to the actions of water run-off and environment alteration. We are not convinced by the reassurances that the quality of the water supply to Palmerston North will not be affected by water run-off and silting effects.

C) The towers and turbines are excessively large and will create excessive noise. Noise from an existing turbine near the Manawatu Gorge trail already spoils the pleasure of walking there. One goes tramping to appreciate the beauty and peace of nature, which is spoilt by the intrusion of noisy wind turbines.

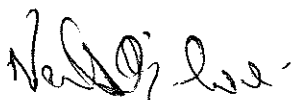
The positioning of turbines around the head of the Turitea Valley will cause distress to residents in the Turitea Valley and Ngahere Park area. Wind will funnel the turbine noise down the valley and it will be reflected off the valley walls. Also, having turbines so close to residential dwellings will have serious visual impact. These effects are also applicable to turbines placed behind and above Ngahere Park.


We seek the following decision from the Board of Enquiry:

1) Refuse consent for the MRP windfarm completely.  
Or 2) Give consent to the windfarm, subject to the towers and turbines being reduced significantly in size, and their number reduced by refusing construction around the head of the Turitea Vally and Ngahere Park. It would be preferable if the turbines were not constructed on the hill face towards Palmerston North.

The lattice towers of the initial windfarm built on the Tararua Range above Palmerston North are far less intrusive than the later towers built for the Motorimu farm and proposed by MRP and should be recommended.

Signed:

  
N. D. OGILVIE

  
D. H. OGILVIE

