

Submission on the Proposed National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation

Sections 49 and 57 Resource Management Act 1991

To: Board of Inquiry Proposed NPS
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**Name of Submitter: The Proprietors of Pipiriki Township No 1 and other
Blocks Incorporated**

1. The Pipiriki Incorporation is a Maori land incorporation formed in 1960 and comprises the lands of the former Pipiriki Native Township. It is possibly unique in New Zealand in being a Maori land incorporation which ‘runs’ a small town.
2. The Incorporation began in 1960 with Pipiriki Township lands of 259 acres, and 900 acres in Whakaihuwaka C12. In 1962 Waharangi 7A3 (759a) and Waharangi 7A2 (145a) were added. Then in 1966 the 479 acre Waharangi 4 section was added. The Incorporation has had continuous difficulty maintaining a sufficient income. But we continue to provide services to our people, for the benefit of the people of the township - Ngāti Kurawhatia.
3. Pipiriki is an isolated settlement on the Whanganui River and has limited infrastructure both in terms of roads, water, sewage and electricity. Energy independence for the settlement would greatly assist its future development as well as provided further independence to the Maori people of the area. It is a

suitable community for “**Small and community-scale distributed renewable electricity generation**” being “renewable electricity generation projects with an installed electricity generation capacity of less than four megawatts”.

4. This submission is made:

a. In support of the submission of the NZ Historic Places Trust, in particular:

National guidance be prepared for RMA section 6 landscape-related matters including outstanding natural features and landscapes, significant indigenous vegetation, indigenous fauna habitats, Maori heritage, historic heritage and recognized customary activities.

The NPS should give greater recognition to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Amend the preamble to recognize the complex costs and benefits of renewable electricity generation and provide greater recognition of Maori values and the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

b. In partial support of the submission of the Waikato Raupatu Trustee Company Ltd, in particular:

All Iwi are directly involved in decision making on subsequent proposals, in order to ensure that the renewable energy 'goldrush' does not have dire consequences on our area of responsibility.

c. In partial support of the submission of the Waitaha Resource Management Committee, in particular:

Concerned that iwi and Maori organisations have not been invited to participate in the consultation process on the NPS.

Supports the development of the proposed National Policy Statement on Renewable Electricity, on the basis that it provides:

- 1. An opportunity to improve the of living environment for all New Zealanders;*
- 2. A vehicle to introduce the broader paradigm of renewable energy into a national policy document that reflects Maori issues, needs and aspirations;*
- 3. A structural mechanism to positively influence the development of Regional and District Plans; and*
- 4. A basis to inform decision making in respect to Resource Consent applications and hearings, in accord with Maori issues, needs and aspirations.*

In support of the key components of the NPS, recommends that:

- 5. By introducing a Maori world view on issues such as sustainability will add value and provide for an integrated, holistic and values based approach*
- 6. That Maori advice and input into the development of the NPS is critical to the enduring nature of the document; as Treaty partners and significant contributors to the sustainability of Renewable Electricity.*

Support is provided on the basis that:

- 7. The principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi be embedded throughout the proposed National Policy Statement to give effect to it, and;*
- 8. The Ministry for the Environment engages appropriate Maori input to ensure the Maori indigenous world view is provided for, appropriately and effectively.*

Further recommend that:

9. The Ministry for the Environment works closely with Maori at the national and regional level, and to seek iwi partnerships where appropriate, and

10. Consider how to strengthen internal Maori capacity and involvement within the Ministry to support such relationships.

5. The Incorporation wishes to be heard in support of its submission.
6. If others make a similar submission, it would consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Dated this 19th of December 2008

Signed by



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for and on behalf of the submitter as its duly authorised agent

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