

Further submission in support of submission on the publicly notified proposed national policy statement for renewable electricity generation

To the Chairperson
Board of Inquiry

Name of person making further submission:

Ngati Hineuru Iwi Incorporated (NHII)

This is a further submission in support of a submission on the proposed national policy statement for renewable electricity generation (the proposal).

We support the submission of:

Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated (No 27)

We support the submission in its entirety. We are an iwi neighbouring Ngati Kahungunu. We agree with the submissions made by Ngati Kahungunu because they apply equally to other iwi around the motu, such as ourselves. In particular we support the following points from our own iwi perspective:

Paragraph 2(e): requesting that proper consultation be undertaken with iwi before further decisions on the proposed NPS are made; and seeking the addition of a Treaty clause to the NPS in recognition of the Crown's responsibilities.

Paragraph 4(f): requesting that an additional objective be added to the NPS with reference to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, the protection of Tangata Whenua values and customary practices, and for new policies relevant to achieving this (new) objective.

Paragraph 5(a): requesting the addition of a policy to specifically prevent the degradation of features and landscapes significant to Maori, due to maintenance, development or expansion of renewable electricity generation facilities.

The reasons for our support are:

NHII represents Ngati Hineuru an iwi centred on Te Haroto (between Taupo and Napier). NHII has been involved in litigation opposing Unison Networks Limited's proposed Te Waka Wind Farm on Titiokura (also referred to as Maungaharuru by Ngati Kahungunu) in Hawkes Bay. This maunga has been recognised by the Environment Court as having immense cultural significance to Ngati Hineuru. Also, it has in part been recognised as an outstanding landscape by the Court. NHII (along with Maungaharuru-Tangitu Society Incorporated (MTSI)) has been successful in opposing Unison's proposal in the Environment Court and on appeal to the High Court. NHII and MTSI are currently opposing a modified application by Unison on the same site, with proceedings commencing in the Environment Court on 8 December 2008.

We support NKII's submissions because we have first hand experience of the conflict between a proposed windfarm, and our values as tangata whenua. We understand that our earlier cases are the first of their kind – where the potential impacts of a windfarm have been weighed against tangata whenua and landscape values.

We seek that the whole of the submission be allowed

We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

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Signature of submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

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Date 5 December 2008

(A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.)

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