

28<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Dear Members of the Board,

Thank you for sending us a copy of the draft report concerning the Mighty River – Turitea wind farm application as per our previous submission we would like it noted that we are still **OPPOSED** to the wind farm in its entirety.

We recognise and appreciate the acknowledgement of our property at 696 Pahiatua Track being adversely affected and as a consequence you have recommended the removal of WT95 from group C. In your draft report you mention several times that one of the reasons you are removing WT95 is because it is within 1 kilometre of our property, however it is also noted in the draft report several times that a recommendation for turbines not to be positioned within 3 kilometres of any existing residential dwellings.

In another case there is reference in the draft report under Chapter 19 part 2 Matters (page 19-5) [20] it states that “where residential dwellings are within or close to the 2 kilometre contour the turbines will remain dominate to viewers and therefore cause significant adverse effects which are unacceptable”.

It is apparent to us that looking within a 2 kilometre radius there are a further eight turbines being 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 96 & 97 we request these are taken into further consideration regarding their removal.

If we were to reference to the existing Te Rere Hau wind farm it would seem there are no turbines within 1.6 kilometre of our dwelling and if we were to use the same minimums we would still have four Mighty River- Turitea wind farm turbines within this 1.6 kilometre envelope being turbines 67, 68, 69 & 96. We feel the **minimum** threshold should be the 1.6 kilometre range which we currently endure from Te Rere Hau wind farm turbines with notable negatively adverse visual and audible effects to our family, our property and our neighbours.

We humbly request that you reconsider the removal of all turbines within 2 kilometres or at the very least the four turbines within the 1.6 kilometre envelope as we will not get another opportunity to have ourselves heard and will be left to live with the negative consequences of their presence.

Due to the stresses of these proceedings and the possible outcome from the draft report we are finding that the probable effects of living between two wind farms are taking its toll and is forcing us into an upsetting situation of having to seriously consider selling our much loved property and taking our children away from their surrounds. We are now contemplating moving away from the Palmerston North district as we feel so disheartened with what has been happening with the Te Rere Hau wind farm and now the possibility of having the Mighty River – Turitea wind farm also neighbouring us. We eagerly await your final decision on the placement of these turbines.

Kind regards

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