

## Joseph Poff pulls it off.

In particular note comments - highlighted in blue - by Angela Grassick in response to Poff's amateurish plea for help to rip off his neighbours and the environment.

The wayback machine/internet archive has preserved this interchange.

Thanks Zorro for bringing this to our attention.

<http://web.archive.org/web/20100602090241/http://www.signon.org.nz/general/1-million-tonnes-of-carbon-saved-per-annum-but-is-the-turitea-wind-farm-a-good-idea>

## 1 MILLION TONNES OF CARBON SAVED PER ANNUM... BUT IS THE TURITEA WIND FARM A GOOD IDEA?

Submitted by [Joseph Poff](#) on Fri, 31/07/2009 - 12:34

Hi, this is my first ever online entry to discussion groups... so here goes!

The Turitea Wind Farm Resource Consent Application is currently before a Board of Enquiry after being "Called In" by the Minister. Public interest is minimal, I have attended all 7 days of hearings so far and the same few members of the public turn up each day, we are approx 10 people, 5 for and 5 against. Of course there are also about 40 persons here including the lawyers, commissioners, consultants and administration staff. All arguments against the proposal have been thoroughly discredited so far but the big one is coming soon... LANDSCAPE!

Yes we will see wind turbines. No argument there. But surely this would be a good thing? The Turitea WF would employ one of the worlds best wind resources to provide clean green electricity, enough for approx 120,000 homes and save about 1 million tonnes of Carbon per year. This project will directly benefit the City Rate Payers through royalty payments as they own the Turitea Reserve, this is a water catchment reserve and NOT a nature reserve. It will create 250 jobs in construction, has widespread public support and many other benefits for the reserve and the wider region.

The SIGN ON campaign is a great idea but we need to make sure that Carbon reducing initiatives are supported at the coal face of decision making in our communities. I would like to see Sign On supporters come down to the hearings, wear a White Shirt or better still wear a SIGN ON tee shirt! (These are great Tee Shirts, NZ Made, good quality and look good) There is no need for protest action

but your presence will reinforce the notion of public support.

If you are interested I would like to see you here. At this time the hearings will resume on Thursday 6th August at The Travel Lodge Hotel, Cuba St, Palmerston North, but please visit the following web site to get the latest Hearing Times and all relevant information regarding this project. [mfe.govt.nz/rma/central/call-ins](http://mfe.govt.nz/rma/central/call-ins)  
Talking about climate change is good but here we can help to actually DO something to address this most pressing issue.  
Do it for our childrens sake!

Note: I want to identify myself as a proud minor partner in this project as I run a farm which has a boundary with the Reserve and may receive some Wind Turbines as part of this project.

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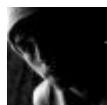


Submitted by [Mike Jack](#) on Wed, 19/08/2009 - 11:49.

Unfortunately this project is attracting very strong opposition, in particular from the New Zealand Green Party. We know there will be no turbines allowed on private land, which is something we expected to happen, still it is most encouraging that private land owners like Joseph Poff are keen supporters of the project, even though he and his family will live right under the 40 story turbines in the reserve. Noise shouldn't be a problem as Joseph has told me that he enjoys the hum and thump of the Te Rere Hau turbines, which are right next door to him on the Pahiatua track. We need more people like the Poff family. If there were more like them we would be putting turbines up everywhere to save the planet.  
Mike.

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### [\*\*I agree Mike - more private\*\*](#)



Submitted by [Aaron Christian Kirk](#) on Tue, 25/08/2009 - 10:20.

I agree Mike - more private land owners need to make a stand.

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## [UNsung HEROES TOIL FOR THE TURITEA WIND FARM](#)



Submitted by [Mike Jack](#) on Sat, 17/10/2009 - 18:39.

Incredibly the fabulous but massive Turitea wind farm is on the skids. This is unacceptable. Joseph Poff and Sign On member who has tirelessly campaigned for this climate changing wind farm around his property on the Pahiatua track has had to put up with coin jangling opponents and the Palmerston North city council, which, as he so eloquently put it, has now become an opponent of the scheme, having originally been in favour. Joseph and his son worked so hard garnering support, even personally filling out forms for the 20%, from as far afield as Christchurch, Germany and Ireland, who submitted in support of the scheme. This is the kind of activism we who want to make the weather colder can only applaud. If he hadn't done this there would have only been a miserable 10% in support. The selfish agitators who run [www.palmerston-north.info](http://www.palmerston-north.info) are accusing Mighty River Power CEO, Doug Heffernan and project manager Mark Henry of PERJURY !!! This is appalling. Yes, we may have to at times step outside the boundaries to get a colder climate BUT THESE THREE ARE OUR HEROES. Well done faithful servants of the greater good. Lodge your complaint with the MFE.  
Mike

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## [The Turitea Wind Farm](#)

Submitted by [Angela Grassick](#) on Tue, 22/12/2009 - 12:40.

Mike, Joseph Poff is only after one thing \$\$\$\$ MONEY, the wind turbines that are being proposed on his farm are know where near his house, they are by his neighbours houses, I'm sure he nor you would like one of these things within 900m of your bedroom.

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## [Hi Joseph, Peter and I called](#)



Submitted by [Mike Jack](#) on Sat, 17/10/2009 - 18:36.

Hi Joseph, Peter and I called into the hearings wearing our high quality NZ made SIGN ON tee shirts under our jackets but unfortunately it was too cold to expose ourselves. You are doing a good job, Joseph. Pity we were the only ones there to support you. Judge Kenderdine clearly favoured you, we saw that from her body language.

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### **You must be right!**

Submitted by [jan sintenie](#) on Sun, 18/10/2009 - 10:20.

If the earth can be thought of as a personality that loves us all, she won't have a problem with these most beautiful of energy generators.

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### **Wind turbines**

Submitted by [Jane Montgomery](#) on Tue, 17/11/2009 - 16:49.

This devastatingly technology has ruined the historic landscapes of the UK. They generate no power when the wind blows too hard and are a mere sop to the EU. Poor sad NZers seem to be happy to be sucked in without a wrinkly carrot from anybody at all! Wake up.

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### **how can you say that wind**

Submitted by [jan sintenie](#) on Wed, 18/11/2009 - 14:05.

how can you say that wind turbines ruin historical landscapes? A lot of people would consider them to be the monuments for the most important event in all human history.

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### **Majestic**

Submitted by [Jane George](#) on Wed, 18/11/2009 - 21:26.

Views of some of the majestic wind farms across the UK and European countrysides are an awesome sight. Definitely far more complementary to the landscape than most power stations, or digging up ancient forests and national parklands for mining.

Please NZ, get out of the rut of thinking that we can continue to rely on technology of the past.

I love my country, and I want it to last as long as possible.

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## WIND TURBINES

Submitted by [Angela Grassick](#) on Tue, 22/12/2009 - 15:33.

Totally agree with Jane, finally someone who knows what they are talking about!!!

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## Joseph Poff

Submitted by [Angela Grassick](#) on Tue, 22/12/2009 - 12:36.

He has no interest in the environment, he has a one track mind and that is \$\$\$\$ ALL Joseph Poff is after is MONEY!!! He would have to be the most hated man in the Manawatu. If you personally meet this man you would totally understand what he is about.

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## Joseph Poff



Submitted by [Mike Jack](#) on Mon, 28/12/2009 - 22:36.

Now, now, Angela.

Joseph promised me that if he gets approval for the 25 or so forty story wind turbines proposed for his land right above yours and all those other houses that he will make a donation to the local woman's refuge. Such altruism is not to be sniffed at from a man whose favourite party trick is to blow his nose on fifty dollar bills.

He and I plan to go to the next global warming conference in Mexico next year.

This will be our last chance to secure the future for all those wanna be carbon traders out there and to sell our remaining sign on tee shirts.

What's "sign on" in Spanish?

Now there's a business opportunity for someone.

Mike

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