

Extract from submission by Paul Stichbury submitter 325

Have you wondered why such a project as this has not made national headlines and been plastered all over the media as indeed other wind farm proposals have?

Mighty River Power and its “partner “PNCC have made sure that it has been kept as quiet as possible. MRP has in fact a “strategist “.

On a number of occasions I have posted on DomPost blogs information regarding the Turitea project and a link to the website (which is the subject of this submission). They were always deleted. This puzzled me but I persisted. Here is what I posted on July 16th, for the second time after the first similar post was deleted. This was just prior to MRP’s display in the Convention Centre.

“Intrusive noise from wind turbines is only one of the issues facing Palmerston North. Mighty River Power will next week reveal for the first time its planned wind farm for the Turitea Reserve and farm land in front of the reserve. The Turitea Reserve is the city’s water supply and last remaining area of native forest of any significance. Would Wellington countenance a wind farm in the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary ? Palmerston North faces a massive property devaluation on top of the 14% plunge in June. These issues are covered on this web site.

www.palmerston-north.info

Comment by Paul Stichbury — 16 July 2008 @ 9:01 am”

I then checked the sitemeter on the website and this is what I found. An electronic copy of this page for verification is available on request.

[Palmerston North.info](http://www.palmerston-north.info)
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Domain Name	mightyriver.co.nz ² (New Zealand)
IP Address	203.144.32.# (DMZGLOBAL)
ISP	DMZGLOBAL
Location	Continent : Oceania/Australasia
	Country : New Zealand  (Facts)
	City : Wellington
	Lat/Long : -41.3, 174.7833 (Map)
Language	English (New Zealand) en-nz

Operating System	Microsoft WinXP
Browser	Internet Explorer 7.0 Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 5.1; .NET CLR 1.1.4322; .NET CLR 2.0.50727)
Javascript	version 1.5
Monitor	Resolution : 1280 x 1024 Color Depth : 32 bits
Time of Visit	Jul 16 2008 9:08:01 am
Last Page View	Jul 16 2008 9:08:01 am
Visit Length	0 seconds
Page Views	1
Referring URL	http://blogadmin.stu...0&approved=2&spam=13
Visit Entry Page	http://palmerstonnorth.blogspot.com/
Visit Exit Page	http://palmerstonnorth.blogspot.com/
Out Click	
Time Zone	UTC+11:00
Visitor's Time	Jul 16 2008 9:08:01 am
Visit Number	858

This shows that MRP had been monitoring my activities. The referring URL is this.

http://blogadmin.stuff.co.nz/wp-login.php?redirect_to=%2Fwp-admin%2Fmoderation.php%3Fignored%3D35%26deleted%3D0%26approved%3D2%26spam%3D13

which now takes you to this page (NB it has changed since July)

Stuff Blogs Have Been Moved/Updated

Three Things You Need To Know

ONE:

The new address is <https://blogadmin.stuff.co.nz/>

Note that we are using a self signed certificate for that site right now. Your web browser will give a warning about this.

TWO:

The login procedure has changed. An additional layer of password protection has been added and this requires an additional username and password.

This page will be updated soon with procedures for getting the new password to you. That should be sorted by Tuesday afternoon. In the meantime, feel free to contact Reed reed@catalyst.net.nz with any questions.

THREE:

Your existing WordPress username has not changed but your password has been expired and will need to be reset. You can do this yourself by visiting the [Lost your password?](#) page and following the instructions. This is a two step process.

The interpretation that could be placed on this is that either MRP or some associated party has hacked the Stuff.co.nz website to edit blog posts which it finds unfavourable, or it could be that Fairfax NZ actually allows such actions by MRP as they favour wind generation. The CEO for Fairfax Media NZ, Joan Withers, was previously on the board of Meridian and is now on the Board of Mighty River Power

The second post I made was allowed to stay as by now the fact that MRP was about to make its public debut with a few carefully selected photomontages at the Convention Centre meant that the cat was out of the bag.

It was obvious to me what had been going on and so I emailed copies of the sitemeter page to myself, John Adams, HXXXXXX and my work email at Queen Elizabeth College in order to retain the evidence. On the 9th of November I went to find the page in my computer email and was shocked to find that either MRP or some associated party had hacked my home computer, my work email and deleted all trace of the page (sent mail and inbox). John Adams claims to have lost the same emails and many files but was unable to find concrete evidence of wrong doing. Thankfully, one had been missed though and HXXXXXX was able to forward to me the email I had copied to her months earlier. Note, prior to the 9th November I had regularly checked to see that this page was secure on my computer. Whoever did this was keen to remove all trace of MRP's apparent ability to access the media in this way. Blog posts generate very little in the way of internet traffic as a rule and quickly date. MRP was, in my opinion, very sensitive about publicity as their proposal is so outrageous. Why would an SOE risk stooping to such dubious practices? One can only speculate as to what other censorship may have taken place.

The following has been reported in the press.

April-May 2006: State-owned power companies Solid Energy and **Mighty River Power admit hiring spies to monitor the activities of protest groups**, including Save Happy Valley, a group occupying the site of a proposed West Coast mine. The spies are recruited by an Auckland private investigation company, Thompson and Clark

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/4489507a11.html>

And

Another corporate accused of spying

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Greenpeace suspects it may also have been spied upon by a major corporation.

Solid Energy has defended its decision to hire an investigations company, which planted a spy among the Save Happy Valley Coalition which is protesting against the state-owned enterprise's open cast mining on the West Coast.