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John Adams
24 Greens Road
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30 MAY 2012

Dear Mr Adams

I refer to your email dated 22 April 2012 relating to the final report and decision of the Board of Inquiry into the Turitea wind farm proposal.

Since your email of 11 December 2011, you have sent a number of further letters to my office. All deal with the matters you raised earlier, which I have addressed.

As stated in my earlier letter to you, the Board is an independent body and I have no power to direct it to make changes to its final report. I do not intend to engage in any further correspondence about these matters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher Finlayson".

Hon Christopher Finlayson
Attorney-General



Hon Dr Nick Smith

Member of Parliament for Nelson

4 May 2012

John Adams
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Dear John

I have received your letter of 24 January regarding the Turitea Wind Farm Board of Inquiry. While I am no longer the Minister for the Environment, I have no reason to dispute the decision or not of process of the Board of Inquiry.

The point here is that you disagree with the Board's decision. It is inevitable that there will be disagreements about such issues as visual impacts but this does not mean there is anything wrong with the process.

If you believe the process breached the law, your opportunity is to have it judicially reviewed. This can be successful as we saw in the example over the Project Hayes Wind Farm in Otago where the High Court did over-rule the Environment Court.

Yours sincerely

Hon Dr Nick Smith
Member of Parliament for Nelson