



## Hon Dr Nick Smith

Member of Parliament for Nelson

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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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'N Smith', written over a blue ink stamp.

**Hon Dr Nick Smith**  
**Member of Parliament for Nelson**