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The Mighty River Power/ Palmerston North City Council Turitea Wind Farm Contract
And related matters

Dear Dr Smith,

This contract and Variation were placed on the Ministry for the Environment website and I am one of the very few to have noticed it, downloaded it and read it.

You knew full well the contents of this contract and the Variation to the contract. Had the Turitea wind farm proposal gone before the Environment Court this utterly corrupt contract and variation authored by Karen Price, exposed in discovery, would have sunk the Turitea Wind Farm in short order.

It was for this reason that you used the Call-In process to circumvent the Environment Court in order to avoid detection. The local paper, the Manawatu Standard, in an editorial on 24/4/2009 stated:

“At best, the documents obtained by this newspaper lay bare a woefully inept decision-making process. At worst, they are evidence of an orchestrated campaign to deceive the people of this region and usurp the council's statutory role.

Either way, the decision to call-in the consent application was a sham.”

The Manawatu Standard 5 days later on 29/4/2009 reported your comments.

“Dr Smith said while he had confidence in the council's abilities, the community thought the council was biased. That had to be addressed.

"The key difference there is between perception and reality.

"Did I believe that there was a potential perception of conflict of interest given that they are a land owner?
Answer: yes."

So when it suited you, Dr Smith, you” worried” about perceived conflicts of interest, yet you knew perfectly well who the strategist, planner, supervisor, principal beneficiary and driving force behind the Turitea Wind Farm was, one Karen Price.

- Exploiting her political connections [her husband David Cunliffe a then aspiring Prime Minister]
- Secretly pumping her established carbon trading business to clip the carbon ticket for three of the country's four energy companies. [NB former Prime Minister Clarke in a highly unusual move formally opened her law firm]
- Exploiting her then unknown links with the IPCC, Agenda 21, ICLEI, pretend judge Kenderdine, *and* acting as lead counsel for Mighty River Power for the Turitea Call-In and you did not disclose it!

The Turitea Call-In was a jack up from start to finish, a kangaroo court with the key participants chosen by you to fraudulently endorse a predetermined outcome while all the time pretending for public consumption to be a democratic institution.

You chose Kenderdine, a useful idiot, to chair the Board of Inquiry, who as a keynote speaker in her presentation at the 2012 Wind Energy Association Conference announced that global warming would bring the world to an end about 2040.

Apparently this harmonises with your own carbophobic beliefs and that you are comfortable with corruptly sacrificing the city of Palmerston North where I lived for 49 years to the emissions trading scheme.

And who pays?

1. Thousands of Palmerston North ratepayers to the tune of \$100 million plus due to loss of equity when the wind farm is built.
2. All shareholders in Mighty River Power *and* taxpayers when the inevitable earthquake knocks out the Turitea, Puketoi and other Wairarapa wind farms, should they ever be built, to the tune of very likely 1 billion NZ plus.

You refuse to comment on crucial aspects of my letter to you. You are far more concerned with saving face, deflecting blame and protecting your political career.

Once again I am asking you to properly address the issues raised as you bear full responsibility for bringing this farce to where it is today.

I consider myself a loyal New Zealander. Even though the Turitea corruption has cost our family everything I cannot sit back and watch common thieves wreck the lives and rifle the pockets of my former neighbours and friends.

Yours sincerely

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