The Fraudulent survey

The applicant has made various claims throughout the hearing process concerning the high level of community support for the project, these are considered to be highly inaccurate.

Prior to the adjournment
Mighty River Power cited a survey that was conducted indicating considerable community support for the Turitea proposal. TAG and Friends have repeatedly sought the details of this survey, including the details of questions asked and received, but the applicant has failed to provide them.

They have received detailed reports from members who unknowingly participated in the survey who have stated that the questions asked were about wind power generally, it was not disclosed that the survey was commissioned by the applicant or that it was in relation to the Turitea wind farm.

Because of this lack of transparency in forecasting community views it is submitted that the results of this survey are not reflective of community views and should be given no weight.
The applicant has also inferred that the lack of community submissions on the redesign is indicative that the majority of the community, who initially submitted, are no longer opposed to the redesign and that it has alleviated their concerns or that they have accepted the mitigation proposed. This is entirely incorrect, in fact the opposite applies.

The lack of submissions on the redesign is likely to be because all of the submitters, including TAG and Friends, received an email from the Ministry instructing that if your previous concerns had not been addressed by the redesign there was no need to resubmit, as your initial submission would still be considered by the Board.