Appendix 2

From:

"Paul & Monica Stichbury" <thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz>

To:

"John Annabell" <john.annabell@pncc.govt.nz>

Sent:

Thursday, 9 November 2006 4:59 p.m.

Subject:

Re: Turitea wind farm.

Mr Annabel,

I find it very curious that the council which is in <u>partnership</u> with MRP should not have access to the photomontages which have clearly been seen by councillors and council staff. You are clearly not able to back up claims in reason 7 in the letter to us dated 3 Nov that the visual " effects will not be as great as people fear " That is a subjective statement .Could you please tell us when you will be able to allay people's fears on this matter?

Paul Stichbury.

— Original Message — From: John Annabell

To: Paul & Monica Stichbury

Cc: Mike Manson ; Chris Pepper

Sent: Thursday, November 09, 2006 4:12 PM

Subject: RE: Turitea wind farm.

Mr Stitchbury,

I advise that the photomontages are not the property of the Council, but belong to Mighty River Power, and that the one set of images loaned to the Council has been returned to that Company. Accordingly, your request for access to this information has also been transferred to that Company, and I anticipate that you will receive a response from the Company in due course.

No comment is or will be made on the other matters mentioned in your email.

John B Annabell

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email: john.annabell@pncc.govt.nz

From: Paul & Monica Stichbury [mailto:thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz]

Sent: Saturday, 4 November 2006 6:33 p.m.

To: John Annabell **Cc:** Shainey James

Subject: Turitea wind farm.

Dear Mr Annabell,

please make available by return email the photomontages of turbines on reserve land. Would you also please provide details as to the size of the turbines. Clearly from the PNCC letter we received today you have this information and now that the council has made its decision you have no legitimate grounds upon which to withhold this information from PNCC ratepayers. Tell me also why the council in reason 4 states "The council considers that further restrictions on the extent of wind farm development are required "Considering there are plans to cover the ranges with turbines from Ashhurst to Tokomaru is this some sort of joke?

Sincerely

Paul Stichbury.

Dear Mr Stichbury,

Thank you for this request, and the one made on Saturday. I am not in a position to provide an immediate response, but you will receive a reply in due course.

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From: Paul & Monica Stichbury [mailto:thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz]

Sent: Sunday, 5 November 2006 8:12 a.m.

To: John Annabell **Cc:** Shainey James

Subject: Submission process

Dear Mr Annabell.

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Sincerely

Paul Stichbury.

From:

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To:

"John Annabell" < john.annabell@pncc.govt.nz>

Cc:

<jamess@pncc.govt.nz>

Sent:

Wednesday, 22 November 2006 8:03 a.m.

Subject:

Response to emails.

Dear Mr Annabel

No doubt there will be questions from me in the future. I note that three emails were sent to me after the news story appeared in yesterday's paper. In future correspondance with me would you please spell my surname correctly. It has one "t". There is no charge for this information. I am pleased that you have forwarded my email regarding the parliamentary commissioner for the environment's report. The report plainly states that the proposed wind farms which include the council's ill advised Turitea scheme are an unfolding disaster and the result of a deeply flawed process.

Yours sincerely

Paul Stichbury.

From:

"John Annabell" <john.annabell@pncc.govt.nz>

To:

"Paul & Monica Stichbury" <thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz>

Sent:

Tuesday, 21 November 2006 4:38 p.m.

Subject:

RE: Parliamentary commissioner for the environment

Dear Mr Stichbury,

As requested, your email has been sent to elected members and relevant staff. My role has been to coordinate responses to requests for information, given that the Council has now made a decision on the matter concerning the use of the Turitea Reserve.

In relation to the report by Dr Morgan Williams, Council staff have very recently received a copy of this. Council officers receive a number of reports form central government agencies, and are currently considering the contents of the *Wind Power Peopleand Place* report as they would any other report sent to the Council.

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From: Paul & Monica Stichbury [mailto:thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz]

Sent: Monday, 20 November 2006 9:58 p.m.

To: John Annabell **Cc:** Shainey James

Subject: Parliamentary commissioner for the environment

Dear Mr Annabel,

Last Thursday the "Wind power, people and place" report on wind farm developments in New Zealand was released with wide ranging recommendations to central government. Noticably there was considerable

discussion about the current and proposed developments on the Tararuas with an obvious concern about the potential for inappropriate effects on the skyline and grossly unfair impositions on residents. Your replies to my correspondance on this subject do not appear to share the same concerns as those of the Commissioner Dr Morgan Williams. However, as you work for a progressive and forward thinking council can I assume that the council will welcome the recommendations made by Dr Williams and change course and immediately implement them? This will of course mean that the council will then have to engage in a meaningful way with ratepayers and disclose all information relevant to these proposed developments.

I would welcome such a move by the council and it would go some way to heal the rift between citizens, council staff and councillors. However if the council continues on its present course it will compare most unfavourably with the recommendations made by Dr Williams and risk being comprehensively discredited. As it appears that you are now the sole conduit for all matters relating to the proposed Turitea wind farm would you please forward this email

to both councillors and staff involved.

Yours sincerely Paul Stichbury.

From:

"John Annabell" <john.annabell@pncc.govt.nz>

To:

"Paul & Monica Stichbury" <thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz>

Cc:

"Mike Manson" <mike.manson@pncc.govt.nz>; "Chris Pepper" <chris.pepper@pncc.govt.nz>

Sent:

Tuesday, 21 November 2006 1:57 p.m.

Subject:

Submission Process and Request for Informtion

Dear Mr Stitchbury

On Sunday, 5 November 2006, you wrote to request an answer be prepared to thirty questions mentioned in your submission. In response, I replied that the Council's reply to your submission was its decision, a summary of which has been sent to each submitter, and a full copy is available on request. Copies are also available for viewing at the Customer Service Centre, the City Library, and the libraries at Ashhurst and Linton. Copies can also be provided, on request, at a charge of \$40.

In my response dated Friday 10 November 2006, I advised that it was not intended to answer the thirty questions mentioned in your submission, but that a request for information from you would be considered if you formulated appropriate specific questions which also met the following requirements:

- 1. Information requested is for information that already exists, and does not require any research to provide it or entail creating new information.
- 2. Information requested is of a factual technical nature, and does not entail an expression of opinion or judgement.
- 3. You are happy to pay the reasonable costs associated with collating and copying any information provided. The rate for each hour involved is \$56.00 per hour. Copying charges also apply.

I note that you have not replied in the manner suggested, and I therefore write to formally decline your request, primarily on the basis that your request is, to a large degree, about creating information or expressing a view, rather than providing information that actually exists. Further, you have not confirmed that you would be prepared to pay any reasonable costs incurred.

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to refer the matter to the Office of the Ombudsmen. Their address is PO Box 10-152, The Terrace, Wellington.

John B Annabell Legal Counsel Palmerston North City Council

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To:

"Paul & Monica Stichbury" <thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz>

Sent:

Tuesday, 21 November 2006 1:48 p.m.

Subject:

RE: Request for information

Dear Mr Stitchbury

In response to your message below, I advise that the Council is not party to any scheme other than that relating to the proposal for the Turitea Reserve. The Council is the land owner for the relevant land and has an agreement with Mighty River Power to potentially lease land. Other land owners, for land outside the Turitea Reserve, may or may not have made other arrangements with Mighty River Power. The Council is not involved with those arrangements and is therefore unable to comment. Further, the Council itself is not a wind farm developer.

Nonetheless, your request has been transferred to Mighty River Power for their attention. I anticipate that you will hear from that organisation in due course.

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From: Paul & Monica Stichbury [mailto:thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz]

Sent: Tuesday, 14 November 2006 7:59 a.m.

To: John Annabell Cc: Shainey James

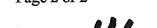
Subject: Request for information

Dear Mr Annabel,

could you please provide me with the following information.

1/ The names of the land owners who are part of the Turitea wind farm scheme.

2/ The legal description of all properties which are part of this scheme.



Thank you Paul Stichbury.

From:

"John Annabell" <john.annabell@pncc.govt.nz>

To:

"Paul & Monica Stichbury" <thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz>

Cc:

"Mike Manson" <mike.manson@pncc.govt.nz>; "Chris Pepper" <chris.pepper@pncc.govt.nz>;

"Shainey James" <jamess@pncc.govt.nz>

Sent: Subject: RE: Submission process

Friday, 10 November 2006 10:25 a.m.

Mr Stitchbury,

I advise that, at this stage, it is not proposed to answer the 30 specific questions mentioned in your submission. Those questions were made to the Council in the form of a submission, and the Council's response to that submission is its decision, a summary of which has been sent to each submitter, and a full copy is available on request. Do you wish a copy of this to be sent to you (there is a charge of \$40.00 because of the size of the document)?

We will, however, consider a request for information from you if you formulate appropriate specific questions which also meet the following requirements:

- 1. Information requested is for information that already exists, and does not require any research to provide it or entail creating new information.
- 4. 2. Information requested is of a factual or technical nature, and does not entail an expression of opinion or judgment.
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On receipt of your further advice, a formal decision will be made on your request, and consideration given to what information will be made available.

In relation to the final part of your email, I advise that the Council received copies of all submissions, regardless of whether submitters wished to be heard or not, and in your case, listened to you or asked questions for at least 15 minutes. Like other submission processes, the Council received a wide range of information, but the reality is that the final decision is not always one everybody will agree with. It is up to the Council to consider the information it receives, and to decide how much weight should be given to any piece of information. Further, some concerns raised will be relevant to the consideration of any resource consent application.

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Paul Stichbury.



From:

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To:

"John Annabell" <john.annabell@pncc.govt.nz>

Sent:

Friday, 10 November 2006 5:14 p.m.

Subject:

Re: Photomontages

Mr Annabel, you state the following

"So while we are always happy to meet residents and talk over issues we cannot take photos of the ranges and then guess where the turbines may be placed as that would be very subjective."

You know perfectly well where the turbines are going, perhaps you have not

read tonights paper. Here is a link.

http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff/manawatustandard/0,2106,3856640a6003,00.html You have advised submitters by mail that the effects are not as bad as people fear. Now that can only be stated on the basis of the decisions made by the council.I repeat my earlier comment and request to you.

You are clearly not able to back up claims in reason 7 in the letter to us dated 3 Nov that the visual " effects will not be as great as people fear " That is a subjective statement .Could you please tell us when you will be able to allay people's fears on this matter?"

Paul Stichbury.

— Original Message — From: John Annabell

To: Paul & Monica Stichbury
Cc: Mike Manson; Chris Pepper

Sent: Friday, November 10, 2006 10:17 AM

Subject: RE: Photomontages

Mr Stitchbury,

I have referred this request, along with your other recent email about the photomontages, to Mike Manson who advises as follows:

"Council is not the developer and is awaiting a final turbine layout for the Turitea Reserve to be submitted from Mighty River Power. How can we as an organisation take photos and guess the final locations? In addition the developer has not chosen which turbine manufacturer it intends to use and therefore any turbine dimensions from one supplier will be different from another. Also the size of turbine is still being debated by the developer.

- a) PNCC have reduced the area that MRP can investigate in and this will change the placement and number of turbines
- b) MRP are conducting wind assessments and these will determine where



the best wind is located and alter any preliminary locations

- c) MRP are reviewing ecological assessments in light of changing areas
- d) MRP are reviewing landscape assessments as always worked on worse case scenarios
- e) MRP are looking into any noise issues in planning suitable turbine locations
- f) MRP are looking into construction impacts and cost benefit analysis

So while we are always happy to meet residents and talk over issues we cannot take photos of the ranges and then guess where the turbines may be placed as that would be very subjective. Council is not conducting an RMA process at this point in time. Council would not be the applicant in any future RMA process if MRP choose to continue.

In summary this is premature and would not provide accurate information upon which residents could rely on and Council would not be comfortable trying to second guess the development."

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From: Paul & Monica Stichbury [mailto:thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz]

Sent: Thursday, 9 November 2006 7:26 p.m.

To: John Annabell Cc: Shainey James

Subject: Photomontages

Dear Mr Annabel,

As there appear to be difficulties in releasing views of the ranges with appropriately scaled images of turbines superimposed on them I offer the



following solution to your dilemna. My wife and I are willing for council staff to go to our section at 309 Ngahere Park road to take photos of the ranges to carry out this exercise. There is a gate at the bottom of the road which is usually open so access is not a problem. Of course we would be happy to meet with council staff at our section to be sure that the gate is indeed open although it is an easy enough walk from the bottom of the drive. If you wanted us there this could be on any week day from 2 pm onwards or on a Saturday. To make arrangements you can phone us on 3536331. We can provide you with an 8 mega pixel digital camera if that is of use, although Chris Pepper did tell us that council staff could come to take photos if we wished - this was from a Green's road location. I have already met with Chris Pepper on our building platform so the location is known well enough. The photomontage which you can make will not be compromising Mighty River Power's plans as all we need is approximate locations and numbers of turbines superimposed on the images. The scale and distances, heights etc will be easy enough to work out from topographical maps. The size of the turbines is well known so that is not an issue, but if you wished you could create montages which have a variety of turbine sizes on them to cater for all possibilities. This proposal is offered to you in the spirit of cooperation and to provide you with the opportunity to clear up " misinformation " Looking forward to hearing from you.

Regards
Paul Stichbury.

From:

"Chris Pepper" <chris.pepper@pncc.govt.nz>

To:

"Paul & Monica Stichbury" <thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz>

Cc:

"Mike Manson" <mike.manson@pncc.govt.nz>; "Lorraine Marsh"

<Lorraine.Marsh@mightyriver.co.nz>

Sent:

Tuesday, 1 August 2006 9:32 a.m.

Subject:

RE: Turitea wind farm.

Dear Paul - the current consultation is not about the impacts of a potential windfarm but about allowing the use of part of the Turitea Reserve for windfarming and associated structures. The number, size, and layout of individual turbines is yet to be confirmed as wind testing is still progressing. These issues will be for Mighty River Power to resolve through a resource consenting process.

Council is aware that the windfarm will have a strong visual impact but the resource consent process is the appropriate mechanism for resolving this issue. I note that recent windfarm consents in the area have used the New Zealand Standard for noise from wind turbines (not exactly sure of the name) as a basis for determining noise effects.

I have copied my reply to Mighty River Power so that they may contact you about some of these issues.

Regards Chris Pepper

From: Paul & Monica Stichbury [mailto:thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz]

Sent: Monday, 31 July 2006 5:57 p.m.

To: Chris Pepper

Subject: Turitea wind farm.

Hi Chris, I have been looking at the submission form for the Turitea Reserve wind farm but I am not at all happy with the quality of information provided.

1/ There is no map to show the location or height of windmills on either council land or on the adjoining land which I have just discovered is earmarked for wind farm development.

2/ There is no scale illustration of the visual impact on the skyline.

3/ There is no information as to the noise or ground vibration impact on adjoining landowners.

4/ There is no proposed route shown for transmission lines.

Could you please direct me as to where I can get this information either in print form or online. The development of private land is I presume contingent on approval being given to use council owned land. My wife and I own a block of land at 309 Ngahere Park road and we were also until recently negotiating to purchase a 20 acre block opposite the Kahuterawa Reserve. Sincerely

Paul Stichbury.

From:

"Paul & Monica Stichbury" <thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz>

To:

"Chris Pepper" <chris.pepper@pncc.govt.nz> Tuesday, 17 October 2006 4:36 p.m.

Sent:

Subject:

Turitea wind farm.

Hi Chris, I have just seen today's paper where you state that there has been misinformation about the size of the turbines and their potential visual effects. Could you then please supply correct information as to both size and location of turbines on both the reserve and adjacent land something that has been withheld from the public. This withholding of information has been a major criticism of the submission process. To state now as the mayor has done in tonight's paper that information will be given to the public just as the council is about to make a decision about the reserve is outrageous and confirms what we have always suspected that the whole submission process was nothing but a scam.

Mighty River has told us that the turbines wil be 125 m high so I would be interested in hearing from you as to whether or not we have been lied to.

Regards

Paul Stichbury.

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Main Identity

From:

"Chris Pepper" <chris.pepper@pncc.govt.nz>

To:

"Paul & Monica Stichbury" <thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz> Tuesday, 26 September 2006 10:03 a.m.

Sent:

RE: Photo from the top of the Consultation document. Subject:

Paul - the photo is taken from the South Range Rd track approximately 4 km from the gate looking south-west towards Arawaru which is the peak in the rear centre of the photo.

Cheers Chris

From: Paul & Monica Stichbury [mailto:thegables.pn.nz@xtra.co.nz]

Sent: Monday, 25 September 2006 3:27 p.m.

To: Chris Pepper Cc: John Adams

Subject: Photo from the top of the Consultation document.

Hi Chris, this image appears at the top of the consultation document. Could you please tell me where it was taken from as to my eye it bears no resemblance to what I see from our land at the top of Ngahere park, thank you

Paul Stichbury.

Appendix 3



Management Plan Council Decision Adopted 30th October 2006', states:

Council officers advised that the nearest turbines will be approximately 1.5km from the nearest property.

There is no clarification on whether this relates only to turbines in the Reserve. Thus, it is reasonable for the reader and obviously the Councillors at the time, to believe that this statement applied to the project as a whole. Councillors at the time would have presumed that this distance would provide some amenity protection for residents, even though such an offset distance is woefully inadequate for the size and scale of the project proposed.

Presently, a council employee is in the process of giving written permission to Mighty River Power to use Turitea Reserve for Mighty River Power's industrial scale wind generation project. The partial protection offered by an offset of 1.5km from any property must be included in the written permission (designation) to curb the predatory colonisation of the reserve and surrounding private land by Mighty River Power, who has revealed itself to be a greedy and mercenary organisation. Nearby, property owners must ensure that the 1.5km offset distance is not conveniently overlooked.

MRP is determined to ram this project through.

Audio of radiolive interview

3/9/08 with MRP CEO Doug Heffernan and a wind farm objector.

http://209.85.173.132/search?q=cache;gYz4Jwi-qlwJ:www.radiolive.co.nz/Audio/AudioPlayer/tabid/183/Default.aspx%3FarticleID%3D8347+%22Mighty+River+Power%2rs+new+Kawerau+geothermal+power+station+up+and+running%22&hl=en&ct=clnk&cd=1

Note that Heffernan claims the Turitea scheme is similar in size to Meridian's Te Apiti wind farm(90 MegaWatts)when in fact it is four times bigger @ 360 MegaWatts.

(note on or about the 15th February RadioLive's podcast archive was hacked by either MRP or their associates and this podcast was deleted. Attempts are under way to recover this "very sensitive"

interview. Furthermore all efforts to delete this website have failed. It should be noted that the website has been saved and copied in a variety of secure locations. This website usually ranks between 7 and 14 in google searches for Palmerston North, which is quite an achievement. Revelations in the national media 17/2/09 show that a wind farm application has now become a byword for corruption. See the last comment in this post.)

With MRP arrogantly refusing to withdraw the attempt to call in the project it shouldn't surprise anyone that what Heffernan said about the wind farm can be interpreted as a lie.

Is this socially responsible behaviour by an SOE?

Rumours are swirling

A polite request to Mighty River Power who visit this site regularly. Could you please issue a public statement to either confirm or deny rumours that you have made a payment to Tanenuiarangi to not oppose the Turitea wind farm. The payment is apparently in the order of some millions of dollars. Has Tanenuiarangi sought a mandate to represent Rangitane on such matters? In the Environment Court in the case of the appealed Motorimu turbines Jonathan Procter made such a claim. It was revealed in the Environment Court that Tanenuiarangi had received payment from Motorimu Wind Farm limited and this was not challenged. If MRP has indeed attempted to buy out local Maori opposition, then this saga has reached a new low. This statement will be removed if a categorical denial by MRP is made public.

This comment has been online for months without a response. We encourage MRP and Tanenuiarangi to contact us to clarify this matter.

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DOC sells out on the environment for a paltry
\$175,000 dollars. Has this happened here? See:
http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/stories/2009/02/16/
12459e317257

Manawatu Standard editorial 9/10/08.

The former Labour Government

Appendix 4

