

To the Environment Committee - the Fast-track Approvals Bill.

Note

When drafting this submission I sought advice from select committees if live links were permissible in my submission. They answered promptly that they were. Most of the links connect to relevant files on my own website. If for any reason a link does not work please contact me.

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Dear Committee,

1. The Resource Management Act in practice has built up a considerable body of relevant knowledge tested through long established processes and court cases. In other words, there has been a vital system of checks and balances. This fits comfortably with the belief that we are a “democracy”.
2. These checks and balances are slated in practice to be removed entirely from decision-making when it comes to major projects with in-house deliberations involving as few New Zealanders as possible. An unaccountable ruling class is thereby created and the rest of us excluded from this “club.”
3. There are obvious problems. The Ministers with sole discretion to either allow or reject a project are not personally held liable for financial, environmental or geophysical failures.
4. They are political figures who will simply disappear when inevitable problems arise.
5. None of them appear to be engineers or have similar appropriate scientific training.
6. The Expert Panel [EP] will inevitably be chosen for their views skewed to approval based on personal bias and with rewards negotiated in secret.
7. The same appointees will be recycled to get the desired result in successive cases. In all likelihood they will be the same cadre of “experts” used at Turitea and at other wind farms. A case study is Dr David Black who has been working for the wind industry.

https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/thesis_critique_march_26_20125.pdf

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/dr-david-black-exposed.pdf>

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/comment-from-rangitikei-guardians-david-black.pdf>

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/black-caught-out.pdf>

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/hot-on-blacks-tail.pdf>

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/hunting-black-down.pdf>

8. The Turitea wind farm acts as a blueprint example of how consenting issues are deliberately mishandled and how they can in turn lead to potentially catastrophic fiscal, environmental and social outcomes.

■ So how did we get here?

1. Blatant corruption has already occurred at the Turitea wind farm and has been thoroughly recorded.
2. The proposed legislation states “Appeals are available to the High Court on points of law only.” This was the case at Turitea and a case had to be made within a very short time frame of only a few weeks. So what points of law could have applied?
3. Subsequent events revealed that the Call-In was rigged. Kenderdine who granted the consent was not a judge during the last 13 months of the Call-In and the consent was manifestly fake. This makes both her and the members of the Board of Inquiry liable to be sued for compensation. Once Kenderdine was removed from the judiciary the Board ceased to legally exist and the following clauses ceased to apply.

S 149J (4) of the RMA Act 1991 states: A member of a board of inquiry is not liable for anything the member does, or omits to do, in good faith in performing or exercising the functions, duties, and powers of the board.

S 16(1) of the Judicial Commissioner and Judicial Conduct Panel Act 2004 states that complaints cannot follow a judge into retirement.

Kenderdine and the Board committed crimes from the moment she automatically lost her warrant. She and the Board were simply private citizens conning the public. Kenderdine has no judicial immunity.

John Adams makes this clear. See below. [Note material provided by John Adams is used with his permission]

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/letter-to-hon-c-finlayson-20-april-2013-forwarded-to-the-governor-generals-secretary.pdf>

4. The Call-In ceased to exist once Kenderdine was automatically removed from the Judiciary by virtue of her age but this didn't stop the board from turning up to take their “pay.”

5. By impersonating a Judge, Kenderdine broke the Crimes Act and the Secret Commissions Act with the covert aid of the Executive. All those involved including the wind farmers knew this.
6. Obviously, none of this was relayed to submitters to take a timely case to the High Court relating to a point of law.
7. The Turitea proposal morphed from a promised normal Environment Court procedure - where it was certain to be rejected - to a rigged Call-In which was a fraudulent fiasco with a fake judge calling the shots and exiting with the sinecure of chairing the Historic Places Trust, a QSO, and a massive bribe funded by tax dollars.
8. The current proposed Fast-track Approvals Bill is the next iteration to force a project through and bury the inevitable corruption which has occurred to date and not been dealt with.
9. We have a constitutional crisis which is on a slow burn while ratepayers under the Turitea wind farm face a huge collective devaluation of their properties. No person in their right mind wants to live under a wind farm, not that the Prime Minister understands this when he refers to wind farms taking too long to consent in this Herald article.

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/politics/christopher-luxon-unveils-fast-track-bill-as-willie-jackson-labels-david-seymours-tvnz-attack-censorship-and-a-disgrace/GIHQHALBB5DQRISYYDFSOS2VRE/>

■ So what went wrong at Turitea?

1. My wife and I were among the most seriously affected landowners. 60 turbines were “approved” but the “plan’ is apparently to erect most of the 60 or so turbines slated for the Turitea Reserve, at a future date.
2. Note the Reserve has already been designated a wind farm zone by Palmerston North City Council [PNCC].
3. A corrupt contract and Variation withheld from submitters until put online as evidence at the Turitea Call-In [links in the Australian Senate submission]
4. When we bought our rural residential block we were none the wiser that the Government was lusting for the city’s landscape inside the city boundary.
5. Note: All documents referred to in this submission are available along with many others on

<https://turiteadocuments.wordpress.com/turitea-wind-farm-documents/>

**KEY COMPONENTS TO THE TURITEA WIND FARM
MRP/PNCC CONTRACT**

- TOTAL SECRECY
- FAKE PUBLIC CONSULTATION IF NECESSARY
- MILESTONE PAYMENTS TO PNCC
- PNCC TO PAY MRP – THE GOVERNMENT - **\$3MILLION** IF IT HELPS ANY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP AFFECTED BY THE WIND FARM
- PNCC TO SUPPORT ALL WIND FARM PARTICIPANTS
- PNCC TO HAVE **UNLIMITED LIABILITY** IF IT CHANGES ITS MIND
- A **VARIATION** FORCES PNCC TO JOIN WITH MRP AND GOVERNMENT MINISTERS TO OVERTHROW ANY COURT DECISION IMPEDING THE WIND FARM

6. A fake consultation took place when it was forced by ratepayers.

Nobody knew the degree to which government had sewn up the hundreds of objectors.

Minister Smith forced a Call-In which ended up being “chaired” by an imposter, Shonagh Kenderdine who for 13 months faked being a judge with a warrant. Smith knew this perfectly well and he, Judith Collins and Attorney General Finlayson among others covered up Kenderdine taking a massive bribe, forging documents and illegally granting the consent on the dangerous Wellington and Northern Ohariu fault lines.

There is a lot of correspondence on this matter on the website link above.

The following letter highlights the corrupt consenting process.
Under a fast track process the kind of issues raised in this letter would not surface.

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Hon. Dr Smith Minister for the Environment, Building and Housing

Parliament Buildings Wellington

6 June 2015

Dear Dr Smith,

I have corresponded with you in the past concerning the Turitea Wind Farm Call-In and the Final Decision. There are a number of extremely serious, unresolved issues which involve you and I am offering you, as a courtesy, the opportunity to comment, as this matter is currently being prepared for international exposure.

As a key player, in what amounts to blatant fraud, you specifically knew,

1. Shonagh Kenderdine who issued the Turitea consent was not a warrant holding judge and had not been a judge for 13 months before the decision was illegally issued.
2. Palmerston North City Council is by way of a secret contract forced to pay Mighty River Power the sum of \$3 million if it helps in any way the thousands of ratepayers directly affected by the wind farm, this included myself and my wife who were lied to by the parties involved, literally for years.
3. Karen Price, lead counsel representing Mighty River Power at the Call-In, was in fact in charge of the entire Turitea wind farm project from scoping through to consent and that this conflict of interest was kept secret from the hundreds of opposing submitters.
4. Karen Price founded the New Zealand Carbon Exchange and is to clip the ticket for carbon trading not only for the Turitea and Puketoi wind farms but also for three of the four New Zealand energy companies.
5. Karen Price was acting for Mighty River Power's Puketoi wind farm at the same time as the Call-In and that this information was withheld from submitters.
6. Both the Turitea and Puketoi wind farms are deliberately located directly on top of three of the country's most dangerous fault lines; despite you having a background in geology with a PhD in landslides.
7. These wind farms would be on Mighty River Power's books for the 49% IPO to the public.

Despite my best efforts and an assurance from Tony Ryall the public were not told of the risk to either taxpayers or investors of a catastrophic earthquake crippling the wind farms if not destroying them outright.

Subsequently on May 10 2015 you announced new rules for earthquake strengthening. The areas where the wind farms are placed are identified by you as high risk seismic zones. I made submissions on the danger of earthquakes to the Turitea Board of Inquiry and to Puketoi. My detailed submissions for Turitea were ignored and for Puketoi suppressed.

Last year I lodged a complaint with the Law Society over Karen Price's conduct. This matter is now before the Legal Complaints Review Office, where I am told that unexplained delays will mean no resolution until next year [if not longer]. I am now asking if you have, or anyone known to you has, applied political pressure to bury this fraud.

Yours sincerely

Paul Stichbury

Attachments: 1. This letter to you 6/6/2015 2. Your letter to me 7/11/2011 3. My complaint to the New Zealand Law Society 4. The response from the Law Society

5. My submission to the LCRO 6. Les Taylor QC's defence 7. My submission in response to Taylor 8. An impact statement 9. Correspondence with the LCRO

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2015/08/letter-to-dr-smith-6-june-2015.pdf>

On leaving Parliament Smith blatantly erects the Turitea wind turbines with his family business. Obviously this was secretly planned before the Call-In was set in motion.

His business got a generous slice of the **\$465 million dollars** forked out by Green Bond investors to pay for Mercury's wind farm. This is an outrageous example of self-dealing.

This stunning fraud has metastasised and is currently before the Australian Senate Inquiry into **ASIC**

The submission dated 24 January 2023 is available here.

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2023/01/to-the-economics-references-committee-1.pdf>

This link to the ASX submission dated 12 January 2023 provided evidence in the Australian Senate submission.

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2023/01/mcy-report-for-the-asx.-urgent-action-needed..pdf>

The proposed legislation by severely restricting public involvement leaves vital issues germane to projects, undiscovered.

These come to mind.

■ **The Turitea dams.**

How secure are they in a major seismic event as they are very close to the Wellington Fault with PNCC recording and then later deleting evidence of potential loss of life.

PNCC has had qualms about their integrity but does not raise this issue directly with the public as it would then highlight that the wind farm is virtually on the Wellington fault and there appears to be a fault under a substation.

■ Insurance for the Turitea wind farm.

There is no clarity on this matter and Mercury is not about to tell. Investors should be demanding an answer as GNS Science recently predicted a 9 on the Richter scale originating in the Hikurangi Trench.

■ The New Zealand judiciary can not be trusted.

Judges appear not to be able to monitor or regulate their colleagues. The Legal fraternity know about the Kenderdine fraud but has done nothing to resolve it, The Crown Law Office in particular.

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2020/05/to-the-crown-law-office-20-may-2020.pdf>

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2022/05/simon-bridges-issues-arising-from-speech-to-the-nzwea-21-march.pdf>

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2022/02/email-to-environment-court-judges.pdf>

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/letter-to-judith-collins-minister-of-justice-8-april-2013.pdf>

■ The Noise Standard

The Standard was created by the wind farm industry to suit itself.

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2011/11/turitea-wind-farm-noise-issues-and-nzs6808-2010.pdf>

More here on noise issues. In particular note Professor Dickinson's protests.

<https://turiteadocuments.wordpress.com/corrupt-pncc-mrp-contract-seismic-idioty-corrupt-noise-standard-safety-ignored-deliberate-errors-selective-compensation-for-favoured-victims-transmission-line-duplicity-kenderdines-outrageous/>

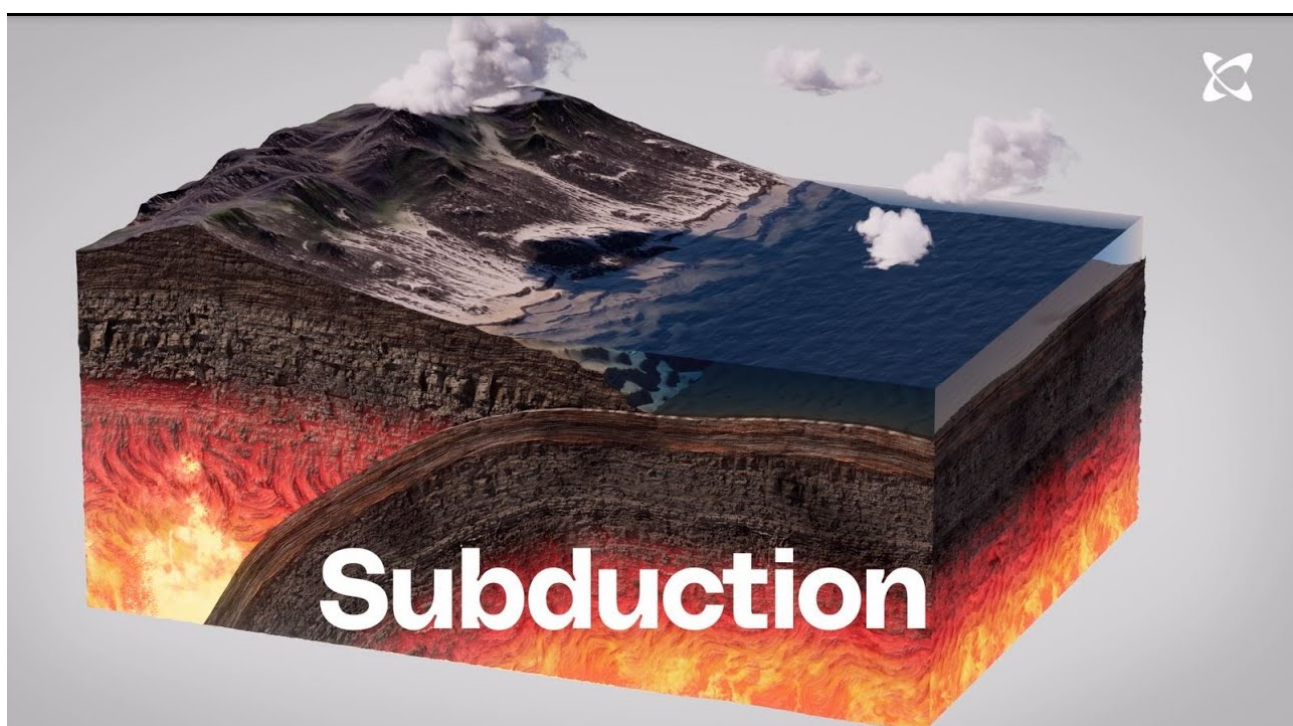
■ An account of the government sponsored fraud which is accessed regularly on my website.

<https://turiteadocuments.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/the-turitea-wind-farm-a-journey-through-a-labyrinth-of-lies.pdf>

GNS Science issued this video on March 28 2024. Click the image to access the video.

They are sending an unmistakable warning. This short video points out the role GNS plays in advising on infrastructure. Kenderdine claimed in the Final Report that the Turitea wind farm is not subject to fault failure. This is a barefaced lie.

I am asking under the Official Information Act for all GNS correspondence with the "Turitea Board of Inquiry" relating to seismic issues.



The above GNS Science video published 4th April 2024 made it crystal clear in this simulation, showing the upward movement of the ranges in the lower half of the North Island, the danger the Hikurangi subduction zone poses to infrastructure.



This road network at Turitea was created unseen by opposing submitters. It doubles as a highway for vermin to invade the Turitea Reserve while turbines slice and dice the local population of endangered karearea. Image source the Manawatu Standard

The proposed legislation is poor governance with dictatorial tendencies, putting at risk the country's reputation. From my perspective, which I believe is shared by many, there is no redress when the government blatantly fails to obey its own laws and the constitutionally mandated separation of powers.

Yours sincerely

Paul Stichbury

8 April 2024