

Form 13

**Submission on application concerning resource consent that is subject to public notification by consent authority**

To: Waitomo District Council  
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**Submitter Details**

**Name of Submitter(s) in full:**

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**Or:**

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**Contact Person**  
(name and designation, if applicable)

Julie and Brett Knight

**Application Details**

Application Number: RM200019  
Name of Applicant: Taumatotara Wind Farm Limited  
Application Site Address: Taumatotara West Road, Te Kuiti

**Description of Proposal**

Opposition to the proposed Taumatotara Wind Farm

**Submission Details** (please tick one. Note: click on a box to 'tick' it)

I/we support all or part of the application

I/we oppose all or part of the application

I/we are neutral to all or part of the application

I **AM** a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991

I **am NOT** a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991

I **AM** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

- a) adversely affects the environment; and
- b) does not to relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

I am **NOT** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

- a) adversely affects the environment; and
- b) does not to relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

**The specific parts of the application that my/our submission relates to are:**

*(give details, using additional pages if required)*

Council LIM reports regarding properties affected.  
Affected parties' incomplete list.  
Roading  
Blade disposal  
Lighting  
Original consent concerns  
Lack of Maori Iwi consultation.  
Noise pollution

**The reasons for my/our submission are:** *(use additional pages if required)*

**The decision I/we would like the Council to make is:**

*(give details including, if relevant, the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought. Use additional pages if required)*

We wish for Council to revoke all consents regarding this project.

**LIM report**

We purchased our property in 2017. Our LIM was searched by our Lawyer and there was no indication of any consents in place regarding a wind farm being developed on neighbouring properties.

**Affected Party –LVA T4 March 2021 pg23**

Our dwelling is listed as #14. It is stated that from our house we will see turbine 11 in its entirety and we will see 7 turbines on the broad side. It stated that the forestry plantation beside us, if planted would help screen lower parts of the turbines. This pine plantation has been harvested and returned to pasture, therefore visual pollution will definitely have a "major affect" upon us. Our farm lends itself toward turbine 11 (approx. 1km from our boundary) so would be towering over us and our stock daily. Views of the turbines from our farm (work place) would be more visually invasive than from the house. Stating that the visual impact on us will be lessened due to the reduced number of turbines is irrelevant. We do not support any turbines in our beautiful district. With this information why are we not considered an affected party? We welcome a visit to our property to see for yourselves.

**Lights**

With turbine 11 being in direct view of our living room we will see the red flashing lights at night. Once again visual pollution and a "major affect" on our family.

**Noise**

We have not been given any confirmation regarding the noise levels that we will be exposed to on our property. To our knowledge no noise survey has been carried out on our property.

**Roading**

Our district was hit hard by a heavy rain event in Feb 2022. Our roads and landscape are still in disrepair. With the proposal of 10,215 heavy vehicles over the course of the construction of the project, we cannot see any information that states that Ventus have any requirements or intentions to reinstate our infrastructure.

**Blades**

The proposed life span of a Wind Turbine blades are roughly 20 yrs. There is no documentation regarding disposal of these blades at the end of their lifespan.

**Original Consent**

This process was undertaken many years ago and signed off by interested parties at the time – some of these were not even rate payers. There has been multiple land ownership changes since then, these new owners have not had their opinions and concerns addressed. We are now left with this submission process to voice our concerns.

**Lack of Iwi consultation**

Our local Hapu from Taharoa and Marokopa were not involved in the original consultation process. Instead Kawhia who are over 50km away were included in discussions.

To summarise we are absolutely devastated at the thought of this proposal going ahead and its potential impact on our idyllic lifestyle.

**Heard in Support of Submission at the Hearing**

I/we wish to speak in support of my/our submission



I/we do not wish to speak in support of my/our submission



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**Signature**

Signature:

- Electronic signature



Date: 30/4/2023

Signature:



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