

**Form 13**

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

To: Waitomo District Council  
PO Box 404  
Te Kuiti  
Email: [info@waitomo.govt.nz](mailto:info@waitomo.govt.nz)

**Submitter Details**

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

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0274871010

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**Contact Person**

(*name and designation, if applicable*)

Marree Kereru – Trustee & secretary

**Application Details**

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

**Description of Proposal**

1. An application to vary conditions 1, 2, 3 and 11 of the 2008 resource consent granted to Ventus Energy (NZ) Ltd to construct a 22-turbine wind farm with tip heights of 110 metres. The wind farm site is located at Taumatotara West Road, Te Kuiti.
2. The proposal includes:
  - a. Reducing the number of turbines from 22 to 11 (Conditions 1 and 2), including reducing the on-site roading proposed. The proposal is to retain the northern 11 turbines (in the same locations as turbines 1-11 in the original consent).
  - b. Increase the tip height of the remaining 11 turbines from 121.5 m to 172.5m, with rotor diameter increasing from 110m to 155m.

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

I/we support all or part of the application

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

We ARE 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 our submission relates to are:**

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

The application in its entirety.

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

***“Whatungarongaro te tangata, toitū te whenua”***  
***“As man disappears from sight, the land remains”***

Teena taatou,

We are the John David Keepa/Kupa Whānau Trust – A trust formed by the Māori Land Court to hold Māori Land Interests. Our beneficiaries include all descendants of our Tipuna, John David Keepa as well as his wife, Marree Keepa, a whāngai daughter, Jaimee Keepa, & her descendants. Except for Marree Keepa, we all whakapapa to Tahaaroa. We currently have a total of 34 beneficiaries. We hold several Tahaaroa Māori Land interests.

We are currently in the process of a 9 house Papakainga build on our land, Taharoa A7J8B, at the foot of Lake Taharoa. Our first 6 homes will arrive this year, the remaining 3 within the next 2 years.

Our whaanau spend a lot of time camping at Harihari, a lot of time travelling past the proposed site as well as fishing, hunting and diving along the Coast near the proposed site.

Because of this, we do believe our beneficiaries will be directly impacted by this proposal – We will see the turbines, we will hear the turbines, we will drive past the turbines, and we will be subject to the environmental/ecological/biodiversity and cultural impacts of the turbines.

We have immediate and very grave concerns which we I have summarized below:

- The Resource Consent application (“the application”) does not include a Cultural Impact Report nor is there any assessment of the impacts on this project against any of the surrounding Iwi’s EMP’s or IMP’s – Ngaati Maahuta, Ngaati Maniapoto or Waikato/Tainui. We urge Councilors to request a mandatory CIR of the applicant before making any further considerations to this application. The application is a huge disappointment as there is a very apparent lack of consideration for cultural values.
- The application fails to address the construction phase of the build.
- The application states there will be traffic movements over 6 months, our roads are already in a horrible state and the transportation of these and use of our rods for that will cause further degradation to our roads.
- There is no traffic management plan for review in the application.
- There is no monitoring plan for review in the application.
- There is no plan in the application to deal with the accidental discovery of bones/taonga.
- A lifelong term of consent is requested, this is particularly concerning due to the nature of this project.
- We are concerned about the clean-up – Who will take care of removing these and cleaning up in 20/30 years if/when the project comes to an end.
- The impacts this will have on Biodiversity/ecology – The habitat for our local bats, birds, the impacts this will have on our coastal environment.

We support Ngaati Mahuta’s stance, we will not support a proposal that has failed to consider the cultural impacts it will have, nor a proposal that has failed in the areas as listed above. The preservation of our Environment is paramount, and we must do all we can to protect it.

**The decision 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)*

For the reasons above, we ask the Council to decline the Taumatotara Wind Farm Project resource consent application.

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

We wish to speak in support of our submission

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

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**Signature**

Signature:

- Electronic signature -



Date: 1/5/23

Signature:

Date:

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**NOTE TO SUBMITTER:**

- Council must receive this completed submission before the closing date and time for receiving submissions for this application. The completed submission may be emailed to info@waitomo.govt.nz
- The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is the 20th working day after the date on which public or limited notification is given. If the application is subject to limited notification, the consent authority may adopt an earlier closing date for submissions once the consent authority receives responses from all affected persons.
- You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as is reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the consent authority.
- Only those submitters who indicate that they wish to speak at the hearing will be sent a copy of the section 42A hearing report.
- If you are a trade competitor, your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in Part 11A of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- If you make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991, you must do so in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions and you may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners. You may not make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991 in relation to an application for a coastal permit to carry out an activity that a regional coastal plan describes as a restricted coastal activity.
- Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):
  - it is frivolous or vexatious;
  - it discloses no reasonable or relevant case;
  - it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further;
  - it contains offensive language;
  - it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

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**Privacy Information**

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