

ATTENTION: Tipene Wilson [tangata whenua engagement facilitator]

RESPONSE TO PROPOSED WIND FARM- Extra extra large TURBINES,
- TAUMATATOTARA WEST ROAD

HUI: Held 04 May 2021 @ Tahaaroa.

Taumatatotara Proposed Wind Farm Hui Te Kura o Tahaaroa Tahaaroa 04 May 2021	
In attendance:	Ngāti Mahuta: Nga Armstrong, Reanin King, Aherata King, Rachael Mura, Tommy King, Joanne King, Robyn Maikuku Craig Shearer (Planning Consultant), Tipene Wilson (Tāngata Whenua engagement facilitator)
1.	Mihimihi, karakia: Nga Armstrong, Tipene Wilson
2.	Confirmation of Agenda and key outcome(s) from hui: a. Karakia, mihimihi, whakawhanaungatanga, b. Review of photo montages and site visit, c. Next steps: Closing karakia
3.	Summary of application: a. A reduction in the number of consented turbines by 11 turbines from 22 to 11, and b. An increase of 62.5m in maximum height from 110m to 172.5m for those 11 turbines c. Interested in any effects of that change.
4.	Discussion: a. Long term effects of windmills b. Visual effects c. Hunting effects d. Ensuring other environmental effects are suitably avoided or mitigated. e. Cultural effects f. Condition to ensure that any disposal of parts or windmills occurs in an environmentally and culturally appropriate manner. g. Benefit back to whānau (e.g. power to marae)
5.	Tipene and Craig left the hui.

REPRESENTING : - Ngaati Mahuta ki te Tai Hauaauru

Kaaore! Hee hau kino e rite ki te hauaauru...

On behalf of and humbly proud to be representing Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru. I and those in attendance and those that have been canvassed have considered and acknowledge the information that was presented to us today [1st Hui].

After very careful consideration, and robust discussion of the Pro's and Con's we decided collectively and unanimously to refute and categorically object to any idea that a wind farm within reach of our mana whenua Ngaati Mahuta ki te Tai Hauaauru could be advocated for.

We are disappointed that we [Ngaati Mahuta- NM] was not consulted in the consenting process. We still do not comprehend [although explained] why Kawhia over 50km's away were included in the discussions and initial consent being sourced and assured. Ngaati Mahuta has always been well within the 10km radius of the Ventus' –studies, graphics, diagrams, reports, pictorial montages and all published work scopes designed for this wind farm application.

Our cultural narrative embraces [te oranga tonu oo maatou taiao] derived from our histories, our stories, our sacred places, our interactions with the land, life forms combined with 'whakapapa – intergenerational', our ways of being, as a people. We have strived to live with a common understanding of tikanga, kawa, values, heritage and tradition. Spiritual connections to the land and our environment are of paramount importance. These inter-relationships form 'mauri' and are non-negotiable, we do not mess with these realms, and one would pay heed too take note.

We cannot support the change of wind turbine size, an extra 62.5 metres in height, nor do we see a reduction in turbine numbers as a mitigating factor to lessening the impact of junk/ scrap metal, zero waste, visual effects and all of what was up for discussion. With hand on heart we are not confidently assured that the environmental and cultural impact, the ecological –dirty footprint, biodiversity of indigenous, the health and wellbeing of lives and environment present and in the future has been addressed adequately.

We decline and will not pursue the suggestion, an 'opportunity for benefits' from these wind turbines [e.g free/discounted power to the Marae, providing our cultural and environmental concerns are addressed appropriately].

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