

RM200018 – Taumatotara Windfarm Summary of Submissions Table

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Submitter No.	Submitter Details	Oppose/Support	Submission themes/key issues	Relief Sought	Wish to be heard
1	Te Waitere View Ltd, Chris Irons – Director, 84 Te Waitere Road, Taharoa tewaitereview@gmail.com 0274619680	Oppose	Reason(s) for submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visual Pollution, - Noise impacts - Earthworks effects - Effects on waterways, - Effects on roading network, - Ecological effects - Inconsistent with the WRPS and Waitomo DP 	Decline the application	Yes
2	David Galbraith 223 Coutts Road, Marokopa drgalbraith@xtra.co.nz 0274850156	Oppose	Reason(s) for submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Iwi consultation description (pg.16) is misleading and fails to mention that Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaaaru located within 10km of the turbines are strongly opposed. - No description of what will happen with used turbine blades after they have been replaced. - How much energy will it take to construct the turbines given that 10,215 truck and trailer units will be used to make the turbines and then transport them and construct them. 	Decline the application	Yes
3	Department of Conservation, Penny Nelson – Director-General of Conservation / Tumaki Aruhei) lwillimas@doc.govt.nz 027 615 4380	Oppose	Reason(s) for submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insufficient information and the proposal does not adequately identify and address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The potential adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Terrestrial indigenous biodiversity, b) How the proposal will avoid, remedy, or mitigate potential adverse effects. c) The proposal does not give effect to s7(d) of the RMA as it does not assess potential effects on terrestrial indigenous biodiversity. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decline the application. 2. Or impose conditions if consent is granted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The requirement of turbine curtailment protocols specific to Long-tailed bats present at the site; ii. Require ongoing monitoring and reporting to Council and the Department of 	Yes

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increasing the height of the rotor diameter and the turbine blade tip will increase the surface area that is potentially available to bats and may result in greater harm to bats. The Director-General considers that the proposed mitigation measures are insufficient and do not adequately remedy or mitigate for the potential mortality of critically endangered bats from wind turbines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Conservation on bats at the site and to measure the success of the turbine curtailment protocols (based on international standards and best practice including carcass searching); iv. Provide for adaptive management where appropriate; and v. That the conditions are enforceable throughout the duration of the consent. 	
4	<p>Julie Maree Knight and Brett John Knight (Knight Family Trust) 158 Coutts Road, Marokopa knightsatcoast@gmail.com 07 876 7441</p>	Oppose	<p>Reason(s) for submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council 2017 Lim Report for submitter's property did not identify consents for a windfarm. Submitters not identified as affected parties list despite Turbine 11 visible from their workplace. - No documentation to say that Applicant has any requirements or intentions to reinstate infrastructure. - No documentation on how wind turbine blades will be disposed. - "Red flashing lights of turbine 11 visible at night. Major effect of visual pollution - New landowners since original consent have not had the opportunity to voice concerns on that original consent. - Local Hapu from Taharoa and Marokopa were not involved in the consultation process, but Kawhia Hapu over 50km were. 	Decline consent and revoke all consents regarding this project	Yes

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No confirmation regarding noise levels on the submitter's property. Submitters unaware of any noise survey to be carried out on their property. 		
5	Leslie Gaston kopakabana@xtra.co.nz 0272743190	Oppose	Reason(s) for submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roading is in substandard condition as a result of weather in February 2022. The increase in heavy vehicle activity (10215 trips estimated) would put farming operations, local travel and tourist travel at hugely increased risk of accidents in the region. Existing roading is already narrow in some places. The noise pollution created by heavy trucks descending the steep incline above the submitter's village would impact their peace and quiet. 	Decline the windfarm turbine consent	No
6	Marokpa Paa Environmental Team (Natasha Willison) 5a Sloper Avenue, Frankton, Hamilton. takutaimarokopa@gmail.com 02102914094	Oppose	Reason(s) for submission: Environmental Impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise: What are the expected decibel levels and how will they impact residents and wildlife. Wildlife: What species might be affected by the wind farm, and how will this be mitigated? Are there any threatened or endangered species in the area? Visual Landscape: How will the wind farm impact the local visual landscape? Water Quality: Are there any concerns about the wind farm affecting nearby water sources? How will these concerns be addressed? Soil Stability: Are there any concerns about the impact of the wind farm on soil stability in the area, particularly given the height of the turbines? Community impact:	Yes	No

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How is Mataranga Maori, local Iwi tikanga and history, Te Tiriti o Waitangi been considered and implemented? - What is the distance between the windfarm and nearby residences and how will their property values and quality of life be impacted? - Are there any safety concerns for the windfarm? <p>Energy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the expected output of the windfarm and how will it contribute to the regions energy diversity? - How reliable is wind power in the region? <p>Economic Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many jobs will the wind farm create, both during construction and ongoing operations? Who will benefit from this? - What will be the economic impact of the wind farm on the local community i.e. business opportunities and / or lower power costs? <p>Compliance with Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will the wind farm meet all environmental regulations and standards? Are there any potential environmental risks that have not been adequately addressed? <p>Alternatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have alternative sites for the wind farm been considered? - Are there any alternative technologies that could be used instead of wind turbines? 		

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there any potential mitigation measures that could address concerns about the wind farm while still allowing it to proceed? <p>Cultural Impact Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has a cultural impact assessment been conducted and if so whom by? <p>Misc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has an archaeological assessment been carried out? - "What is the report from DoC and have they had input into the sites, plants, water, bird life and Bat life?" - There were 10 serious serious harm incidents in the wind energy sector between 2014 and 2018. Is there any latest stats and if so what are they from are they from propeller dislocation? Or other issues? - What is the lifespan of wind turbines and what happens to them after they are no longer in use. 		
7	<p>Submission lodged by Ngahuia Herangi (tekooraha@gmail.com) on behalf of the following mana whenua marae and iwi entities within Ngaati Mahuta ki te hauaauru and the Tahaaroa area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maketuu Marae, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Roy Willison: willisonr@otocoll.school.nz 	Oppose	<p>Reason(s) for submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The submitters would like to engage with the applicant and seek to understand the amendments, potential effects and mitigation measures proposed, if any. 	Oppose the proposed amendments to the consents.	Yes

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aruka Marae <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Keith Kana: aruka.trustees.secretary@gmail.com o Tutemahurangi Desmond Te Uira: dtteuira@gmail.com - Te Kooraha Marae: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Taituwha King: taituwha.king@aut.ac.nz o Ngahuia Herangi: tekooraha@gmail.com - Tahaaroa Lakes Trust: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tutemahurangi Desmond Te Uira: dtteuira@gmail.com - Te Ruunanga o Ngaati Mahuta ki te Hauaauru <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tania Bidois: tmtbidois@gmail.com 				
8	Roimata Harmon 19 Trapski Drive, Otorohanga 022574665	Oppose	Reason(s) for submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The adverse effects on the environment/ecology are likely to be more than minor; - Unable to understand construction impacts as there is no report detailing the construction phase. 	Decline consent application	No

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the impacts on roading from traffic movements generated from the proposal? Will these be addressed by rate payers? - No traffic management plan to review. - No Monitoring plan (including kaitiaki representative, local monitors, accidental discovery protocols are not outlined clearly) - Nothing to address the holding site of earthworks material. - What water is required and where will it be sourced from? - Biodiversity/ ecology – bats habitat and impacts on coastal environment? - Duration of consent – an unlimited term of consent is concerning. - Decommissioning and remediation plan – how can the environment and land be restored? - What will the long term impacts for future generations be? - In the event of the consent proceeding, what are the benefits provided to community to off-set the impacts on the environment and disturbance caused? - There is no satisfactory effect to the Iwi Environmental management plan - The political/social/cultural landscape has changed since the original consent was granted. 		
9	RC & SA Irons Family Trust (Susan Irons) 83 Te Waitere Road, Taharoa suerayirons@gmail.com 078767559	Oppose	Reason(s) for submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The farming operation on the submitter's property is in direct line of sight therefore the effects they anticipate from the turbine are "very high" - Lack of research on effects of wind turbines on animals - Wind Turbine Syndrome - The submitter is not listed as a Third Party in the Memorandum WASP Visual Landscape Assessment – Appendix 1: Consented Turbine Locations. The submitter questions why Taradale Farm marked as affected, despite it being located further from the proposed turbine locations than the submitter(s) property. 	Decline the consent application. Not allow an extension to timeframes past 2024.	Yes

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volume of soil disturbance - Visual impacts of increase in turbine height - What benefits does the local community get from the proposal going ahead? - 		
10	<p>Te Nehenehui Samuel Mikaere (Group CEO) 49 Taupiri Street, PO Box 36, Te Kuiti, 3910</p> <p>(LATE)</p>	Oppose	<p>Reason(s) for submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not being formally engaged - Potential impacts to: iwi, hapu and whare, cultural, social, economic, and environmental interests - A Cultural Impact Assessment and Tangata Whenua Environmental Assessment Report towards Ko Tā Maniapoto Mahere Taiao (Maniapoto's Environmental Management Plan) were not included within the application proposal. - 	<p>Decline the consent application.</p> <p>In lieu of a decision: - That the applicant includes at a minimum, a Cultural Impact Assessment or Tangata Whenua Environmental Assessment Report from Te Nehenehui and other iwi and hapu that have overlapping interests, as well as undertake direct engagement, so they can each understand what effects if any, that the proposal has on them.</p>	Yes
11	<p>Te Nehenehui Mia Morgan (Senior Strategy Advisor – Environmental Policy and Planning) 49 Taupiri Street, PO Box 36, Te Kuiti, 3910</p>	Oppose	<p>Reason(s) for submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not being formally engaged - Potential impacts to: iwi, hapu and whare, cultural, social, economic, and environmental interests - A Cultural Impact Assessment and Tangata Whenua Environmental Assessment Report towards Ko Tā Maniapoto Mahere Taiao (Maniapoto's Environmental Management Plan) were not included within the application proposal. 	<p>Decline the consent application.</p> <p>In lieu of a decision: • That the applicant includes at a minimum, a Cultural Impact Assessment or Tangata Whenua Environmental Assessment Report from Te Nehenehui and other iwi and hapu that have overlapping interests, as</p>	Yes

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12	Trustees of the John David Keepa/Kupa Whaanau Trust Marree Kereru – Trustee & Secretary, 650A Mahia East Coast Road, RD8, Nuhaka 4198, 027 487 1010	Oppose	Reason(s) for submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The beneficiaries of the Trust will be impacted by the proposal. - No assessment of the impacts on this project against any of the surrounding Iwi's - EMP's or Iwi Management Plans's – Ngaati Maahuta, Ngaati Maniapoto Waikato/Tainui. - The application fails to address the construction phase of the project. - Concern over traffic impacts across the construction period considering the current state of the roads. - No traffic management plan provided. - No monitoring plan provided. - No accidental discovery protocol. - Concern over the requested duration of consent being lifelong. - Remediation of the site after the project comes to an end. - Impact on biodiversity and ecology. 	Decline the consent application.	Yes
13	Virginnia Dawn Taia 7 Blucks Road, Otorohanga virginnia.grice@gmail.com 021 99 4587	Support	Reason(s) for submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The submission will benefit farmers directly, and other power users by default. 	Grant the resource consent	No
14	Waikato Regional Council Lisette Balsom (Manager, Strategic Policy Implementation)	Oppose	Reason(s) for submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boffa Miskell Ecological Assessment - Concern for the lack of understanding with regard to what species are present on-site, in particular knowledge of actual bird and bat activity at each of the turbine sites and their distribution across the site. 	Decline the consent application.	No

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a lack of mitigation methods submitted in this application to sufficiently support that birds and bats will not be adversely affected. - The applicant needs to investigate mitigation methods further so that it is clear as to whether birds and bats will be impacted and to what extent. - Insufficient assessment of bird migration and potential bat collisions and that further field surveys should be carried out before consent is granted to better understand any potential impacts on birds and bats. 		
15	Yvonne Armstrong teong@gmail.com 021 99 4587 (LATE)	Oppose	Reason(s) for submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With regard to the separation distances of windfarms to 3rd party houses: A house holder (identified as no.23) at 245 Whakapirau Road has visual impact of the proposed additional height to the wind turbines. - Impact of trucks on for the proposal on the district's roads - Putting turbine blades in a landfill is not environmentally friendly or sustainable. 	Obtain more information from the applicant around the disposal of the wind turbine blades, the PSI on delicate echo location systems of bats, water ways, water tables.	Yes

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