

Form 13

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

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**Application Details**

Application Number:

RM200019

Name of Applicant:

Taumatotara Wind Farm Limited

Application Site Address:

Taumatotara West Road, Te Kuiti

**Description of Proposal**

**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 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 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)*

Visual Pollution, Noise, Earthworks effect on waterways  
Effects on the road network, Ecological effects  
see attached.

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

It is inconsistent with the Waikato Regional policy statement and the Waitomo District Plan

**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 would like the council to ~~decline~~ decline the consent and give no extension.

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**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:

Signature:



Date:

1-05-23.

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To whom it may concern,

We fundamentally oppose the application for the Proposed Taumatotara wind farm,

The proposed wind farm will be visual pollution in the district we live and work in, we will be having sight of these large, out of place structures all over our workplace and at our place of rest. These structures will be dominating our lives during work and at home, they will be the 6<sup>th</sup> tallest structure in the country that would look out place in an urban environment let alone in remote idyllic rural landscape.

This proposed consent is inconsistent with the Waikato Regional policy statement and the Waitomo district plan.

We consider the effects on us and our farming family (workers included) to be High based on Scale of effects Defined and agreed at NZILA assessment methodology workshop, Dec 2017(Facilitated by retired Environment Court Judge Gordon Whiting).

We have major concerns over how we can implement health and safety policies with staff and visitors with the large dominate features, Staff and Visitors will be constantly seeing moment in their peripheral vision that will cause distraction and could cause an increase in accidents.

There is currently a wind monitoring mast in place at 55m high and can be seen over the majority of the workplace. The proposed towers are going to be double the height and 16 times the width (if the monitoring mast is 250 mm) of the monitoring mast, and then the blades are higher again.

The activities which will be enabled if this consent is granted are of a scale and nature this is a significant departure from existing activities and will have major adverse effects on the key characteristics and attributes of the area as a farming community. The usual and anticipated activities within this rural environment relate to agriculture and set the permitted activity base line. Given the size, scale and nature of the proposal there is no ability to avoid, remedy or mitigate any of the construction or ongoing adverse effects on our property and the area in general.

#### Noise pollution

The noise from construction and the wind farm operation will be a major change from the baseline permitted activity of farming. We will lose the ability to hear the sea in the morning and evenings as it will be replaced by the sound of the blade and/or mechanics of the turbine turning. This will be a completely different sound, that the area will not be used to. This will have a significant detrimental effect on our workplace as well as our place of rest. We can not over emphasize that the adverse effects of the proposed activities will exist 24 hours a day, 7 seven days a week – given that we work, rest and play on our property there will be no escape for us.

#### Earthworks effects on the waterways

How are the consenting authorities going to monitor any effects on the waterways especially the Mangatangi Stream that flows into Lake Taharoa. To my knowledge there is no monitoring of stream water quality or stream health by the consenting authorities to have a baseline data set which will establish if there will be any adverse effects on the environment and more specifically the waterways.

## Ecological effects

There has been a number of SNA (significant natural areas) identified in the area which are very important to the native bird life. With farmers increasingly investing in improving biodiversity outcomes on their properties including creating biodiversity corridors to encourage the survival of the native birds, flora and fauna, this will be a major deterrent for farmers continuing. What will the point be if they get killed by blades or not turn up because of the large structures that could stop their flight path.

## Roading

We have major concerns on the roading and the increase in traffic volume and weight of the incoming traffic. Since Cyclone Dovi the roading network has taken a major hit and has a number of weak spots that are in need of major repair. The network has been left with some very narrow and dangerous spots. We are very reliant on the road for access to town for supplies and getting produce to market, also for emergency services to access us if needed. The roading network in our district will struggle with the increase traffic as it is barely coping with what is on it at the moment. We believe the roading network would and should be upgraded before any extra traffic was incurred.

## Summary

This consent has been hanging over the heads of locals for a long time, it has been extended time and time again which has caused significant and ongoing stress and concern for us. There has been no progress at any stage so far and is about to run out of extension again, but now they want to go larger. If it was a viable operation, it would have been operating by now. This wind farm will have major impact on us and our workers lives for the rest of our time in the district (which we do not plan to leave). We choose to farm in this area for its remoteness and visual outlook away from development and industrialisation. This proposal will have a major adverse effect on our amenity values specifically the current visual and noise environment, and could have significant detrimental effects on the water quality and native birds, flora and fauna in the area we work and live in.

There we would like the proposed consent to be declined and further more, no extension to the current consent for the lower heights.