

Extra Notes

It is again disappointing that this process is ongoing since 2006 when extra time was allowed from the start. We believe no more extra time should be granted.

What is to say during any construction time frame that once again there are more technical advances that require more changes and these will just occur without any public consultation?

The foundations are there any core samples taken at the individual turbine sites? Or is it start and then see how deep the foundations have to go? (I understand somewhere between 2.5 to 3.5m depending on what is found)

With the increase in height to 180.5m do people actual realise how high these are going to be?

The Te Kuiti Shearing Stature is 6metres tall (Council Website says 7metres) but working on the 6m the new turbine height is 30 times this height. Then they are placing these gigantic turbines on an existing 300m-340m ridge.

If proposed for a site in Te Kuiti or its surrounds nobody would want these towering imitating structures over them every day.

This will happen to us in our rural farming natural landscape. These turbines which we may not see from our house but 95% of our farm will have these gigantic out of place imitating structures in our face every day. Standing over our farming activities on day to day bases ongoing for our following generations.

In our submission Attachment 5 show the height of structures in New Zealand these turbines would go from 5th to 3rd.

This is totally unsuitable for our rural pastoral land. I again emphasize in the WSP report the Scale of effects under;

Very High states;

Total loss to the key attributes of the receiving environment and/or visual context amounting to a complete change of landscape character.

This must be given consideration to this regarding our rural landscape.

The height would NOT look out of place in a cityscape but here they will POLLUTE and VANDALISE our natural environment.

In Glenn Starr's Report of 20 October under Site Location b) notes that the site "is not adjacent to the coast line" but they will certainly be seen from the sea.

d) "Generally well screened from views"

This is an under estimation as we can see from an elevation of 315m on the home side of the farm where sheep and cattle graze the 3 Central North Island Volcanoes (Tongariro, Ruapehu, Ngauruhoe) and if conditions are right Mount Taranaki is also visible all at the same time.

So therefore these structures will be widely seen from a distance.

When Glenn Starr visited our place we were offered "compensation" for any loss in the value of our farm due to the wind turbines being constructed also an offer to help with plantings to stop the movement of the land. But we are in the business of farming not in having the whole farm planted in trees/plants which would be needed to stop the farm moving.

The whole land area moves as the Council I'm sure are aware of especially concerning the Taharoa Road hill that splits our farm.

We have been against the Wind Farm since 2006 and have not changed our opinion or principles therefore would not accept any "compensation".