

Form 3  
Submission on proposal for national policy statement or  
New Zealand coastal policy statement

*Sections 49 and 57, Resource Management Act 1991*

To the Chairperson  
Board of Inquiry

This is a submission on the following proposed national policy statement (*or* on the following proposed New Zealand coastal policy statement) (the **proposal**):

*[name of proposed national policy statement or New Zealand coastal policy statement, with date of notice].*

Proposed National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:

*[give details].*

This submission relates to Policies 2 and 3 of the proposed NPS

My submission is:

*[include –*

- *whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended; and*
- *the reasons for your views].*

I am concerned about Policy 2 especially "consent authorities must have particular regard to the constraints imposed on achieving those measures (by avoiding, remedying, or mitigating adverse environmental effects)." I am concerned that these words will tip the balance too far in favour of development at the expense of s 6 (c) indigenous vegetation and fauna. For example, the Mokihinui River should not be dammed to generate electricity. While I agree generating electricity without emitting greenhouse gases (GHGs) is good because climate change urgently requires New Zealand to drastically cut GHG emissions, significant biodiversity, such as that that exists in the Mokihinui River and valley, must not be sacrificed for renewable electricity generation. New Zealand has high levels of endemic biodiversity which is already under threat. If this biodiversity is further threatened by development of renewable electricity generation, there is significant risk of more species becoming extinct. Extinction is forever.

I am in favour of Policy 3 as it serves to guard against irreversible adverse environmental effects such as species extinction and river valley drowning.

I seek the following changes to the proposal:

*[give precise details].*

Rewording Policy 2 to ensure significant indigenous vegetation and fauna are not sacrificed for renewable electricity generation.

I wish (*or do not wish*) to be heard in support of my submission.

- \* If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.
- \* Delete if you would not consider presenting a joint case.

Yes I do wish to be heard in support of my submission

Signature of submitter  
(or person authorised to sign  
on behalf of submitter)

Julian Boorman 10/10/2008 .....

Date

(A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.)

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