



22 April 2008

Name  
Address 1  
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Dear Sir/Madam

As you may have read in the paper (ODT, 12 April 2008) NZ Windfarms Limited has recently received resource consent to erect a meteorological mast at the top of Mount Stuart (near Mount Stuart – Hillend Road) on land owned and farmed by Hewett Farm Limited. We anticipate this mast will be installed in early May. Initial investigations indicate that Mt Stuart may be suitable for a small wind farm development given its exposure to strong westerly winds. Accordingly, it is considered appropriate at this stage of site investigation that accurate wind speed data is gathered to allow a more comprehensive assessment of the feasibility of any potential wind farm site.

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We believe it is important early on in the investigation process to begin discussions with surrounding landowners, stakeholders and community groups regarding the sites potential as a wind farm. The intent of this consultation is to gain an understanding of potential effects people may have concerns about and if the wind resource is good we are then able to provide people with information about the proposal and further investigate concerns/issues.

If you would like to discuss the proposal or have any questions, please contact NZ Windfarms on our free phone number (0508 WINDFARM), mobile, or via email. We will be happy to talk and arrange a suitable time to meet and discuss the project further, **including opportunities for local investment into the project**. We will be in the area to meet interested parties initially in the week from 16-20 June and would like to meet with you.

In the interim, if you have any questions concerning the project please do not hesitate to contact the following people:

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Yours faithfully



Ali van Polanen  
Consents Manager

and

Rob Hewett  
Land Owner



11 July 2008

Name  
Address 1  
Address 2  
CITY/TOWN

Dear Name

During our meetings with yourself and others in the Mt Stuart area, it became apparent that the majority of the stakeholders in the area have never visited or even seen a wind farm. Consequently NZ Windfarms would like to invite you to attend a visit to the White Hills wind farm near Mossburn. White Hills is the South Islands only operating wind farm and while it is a significantly larger development than that proposed for Mt Stuart, it will provide some insight as to the presence a wind farm has on the landscape.

Trip details:

When: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July  
Where: Bus pick up from Milton Rugby Grounds about 8am, returning at about 3pm  
Travel times: Approximately 2 ½ hrs each way with about 1 ½ hrs at the wind farm  
Bring: Warm clothes, wind proof jacket, snack food and drink for bus ride  
Lunch: Lunch and refreshments will be provided  
RSVP: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July (pre paid envelope enclosed or fax to 03 943 5411)

	<b>White Hill</b>	<b>Mt Stuart</b>
Operated by	Meridian	NZ Windfarms
Turbine Size	2MW	~0.6MW
Turbine #	29	~10
Capacity	58MW	~6MW

Please RSVP with the number of people who will be attending from your household (all ages are welcome). This will allow us to arrange the correct amount of lunch and transport for the day.

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\_\_\_\_\_ people from our household will be attending the visit to White Hills wind farm on Saturday 26 July.

Name/s:



Re: Milton Wind Farm proposal

Dear

Further to our discussion on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June/Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2007 regarding the proposal for a wind farm at Mount Stuart, I wish to thank you for the opportunity for meeting with Ali VanPolanen, Rob Hewitt and I.

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As discussed during our meeting, there have been a number of surveys conducted by real estate companies and universities, which has found there is no evidence of a negative long term effect on property prices associated with the operation of a wind farm. The negative effect that has been found in some surveys is during the period of uncertainty prior to a wind farm proposal being submitted for planning and during construction; this is a short-term effect and prices soon recover (Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, October 2004). In fact, some surveys have found that property prices in the vicinity of a wind farm project in the period after it has been constructed have actually increased at a rate higher than regional averages. Enclosed an example of the most recent study conducted in the UK (Findings in Built and Rural Environment, March 2007).

I have enclosed an example of the most recent research conducted into the issue of impact of wind farms on house prices (March, 2007). Also included, is a copy of the document from the Australian Wind Energy Association which includes a brief commentary on the issue of noise from wind farms.

In the interim, if you have any questions concerning the project please do not hesitate to contact the following people:

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Wind Farm & Property Prices (*FIBRE 2007*)

Wind Farms & Noise (*AUSWEA*)



Address

01 August 2008

Dear ...

**Re: Visit to the Meridian wind farm at White Hills**

Thank you for joining us on the bus trip to the Meridian wind farm at White Hills on Saturday 26 July. We hope that you found the outing both enjoyable and informative despite the unfortunate lack of wind.

Throughout the course of the day there were a number of questions asked pertaining to the White Hills wind farm in comparison to the proposed wind farm at Mt Stuart. As such, we felt it was necessary to give the proposed Mt Stuart wind farm development some comparative context. I have enclosed information highlighting a few of the key differences between the two wind farm developments.

If you have any questions regarding the information enclosed or any other aspect of the project please do not hesitate to contact the following people:

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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Hewett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'H'.

Matt Russell  
Senior Planner

and

Rob Hewett  
Land Owner