

Board of Inquiry to consider NZ wind farm

New Zealand Environment Minister Nick Smith has announced his decision to refer the Mighty River Power proposal for a 131-turbine wind farm at Turitea, near Palmerston North, to an independent Board of Inquiry. "A Board of Inquiry chaired by an Environment Court Judge is the most transparent and fair way to decide the outcome of this significant wind farm proposal. This project is of a size and scale that justifies a board inquiry," he says. Smith says he has delayed the public notification until late January so people are not disadvantaged by the holiday period in making submissions.

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