

Effect on visual amenity.

This is where I ran out of time.

5 days is a ridiculously short amount of time to respond to the applicants evidence. Especially as I only managed to get a copy of submissions on the 19th.nov After 2 weeks waiting.

That is 1200 pages to read and then 4 highly technical pieces of evidence to prepare. In 5 days!! WEL couldn't finish in time and had 2 years then 3 months reading submissions. With about 20 people working on it.

I have concentrated my time on the economics, carbon footprint and noise, since this is where my main expertise lies.

My personal main concern is on the effect of this project on the ecology of the area.

I have not had time to read WEL's evidence on visual effects.

This is the short version.

Putting 28 monstrous wind turbines on the top of the Whauraroa Plateau would be an act of esthetic barbarism and visual vandalism.

I invite the commission to visit the Aotea Harbour. There is a peninsular into the east of the Aotea Harbour owned by my family on which the whole of the Aotea catchment and the plateau can be viewed as one. I can give you access.

I can set up a model so that you can see the size and visibility of the turbines in situ.

I can tell you that the Aotea Harbour is a pristine and virgin visual treat but you cannot understand it in this place.

Ecology.

I have a pile of photos, observations, charts and a statistical analysis of the probability of birds being struck by the turbine blades. Sadly I don't have the two days necessary to make it understandable.

I have not had time to read WEL's evidence.

I will read the section from my submission.

Property prices.

I believe WEL have tried to ignore overseas experience to discount this effect.

I have personal experience of this factor from oversea so will read my submission text.

WEL's response to submissions.

The evidence I have read from WEL seems only concerned with mocking or discarding the concerns of local submitters. Can the commission think of a case where WEL have actually taken note of a personal submission and made material change to the proposal?

Ends.

Answer made to this question was no!!