

## APPENDIX 2

Makara Ohariu Valley Community Board Meeting April 2008

Siobhan Lilley representing the Ohariu Preservation Society with a membership of 107 residents in Ohariu Valley.

While the majority of people in Ohariu Valley agree with the importance of increasing renewable energy resources, we feel that this should not be at the expense of the health and well-being of local communities. Due to the closeness of the wind turbines in the Mill Creek proposal, many people in the valley are between 1.2 and 2.2kms from the turbines, we have major issues with the Mill Creek Wind Turbine Proposal as it stands, these issues include the significant impact on the landscape, effects of noise and health, roading issues with the increase road width to 6m at the end of Ohariu Valley Road, and general loss of amenity

In addition we have been very disappointed with the consultation process that has occurred prior to notification, even though Meridian has responsibilities as an SOE, many of the questions we asked have still not been answered, so now going into the submission process, many residents have no idea what the real impact of this project will be on them.

The OPS have also been disappointed with the Wellington City Council – who even though we wrote asking for a meeting to discuss the gaps we as the affected residents saw in the draft submission, WCC chose to notify the same day that we had agreed to meet to discuss this.

Lastly we are very interested in what role the council will take moving forward with this proposal given their conflict of interest, and the consideration they will give to the Wellington residents who live in Ohariu Valley.