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Changes to Puketiro Windfarm proposal

RES New Zealand Ltd (“RES”) announced today that the company will no longer proceed with a plan for development of wind turbines for the proposed Puketiro Windfarm on certain areas of private land at the southern end of the project.

RES Development Manager Chris Drayton says turbine locations running parallel to Moonshine Road and on ridgelines above the upper end of Flightys Road will no longer be included. (The attached maps show the reduction).

“We have consulted widely with the community about placing turbines in these areas,” Mr Drayton says. “We expect that RES’ decision will be received favourably by some people who had concerns about the proximity of turbines nearest to Moonshine and Flightys Roads.”

“RES is currently reviewing the windfarm layout and hopes to be in a position to consult on a new layout early in 2009”.

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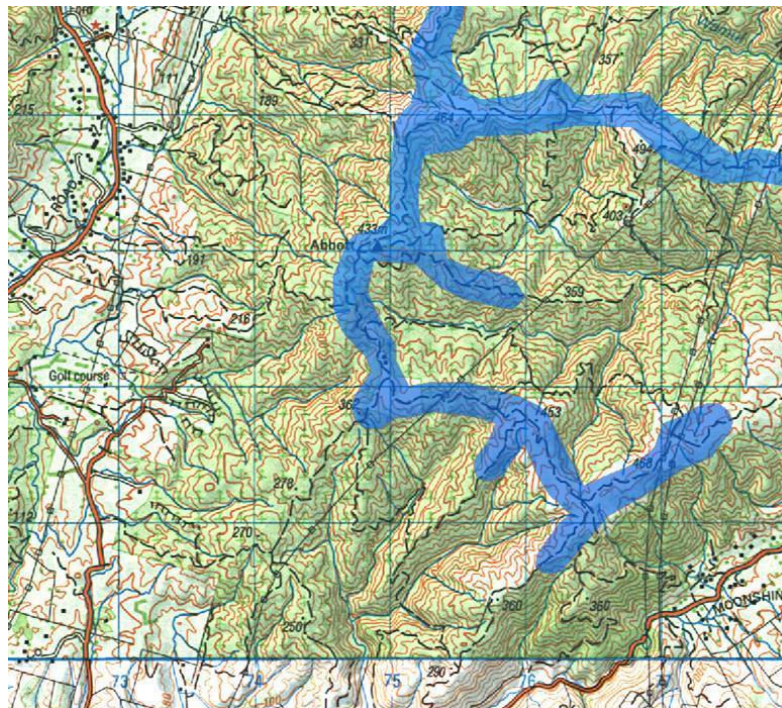
Background to Project

Puketiro is a proposed windfarm of up to 150 MW located mainly on Greater Wellington Regional Council forests near Pauatahanui. The proposal is to use approximately fifty 2 to 3 megawatt turbines which would power up to 65000 homes with clean, carbon free electricity.

RES NZ Ltd was appointed by the Council to develop the project following a tender in 2006. At 150MW, Puketiro would displace 325 000 tonnes of carbon from NZ's existing fossil fuel power stations every year while helping to meet growing electricity demand. To meet the current target of achieving 90% renewable energy by 2025, New Zealand needs about 175MW per year of new renewables.

RES is a private UK company and has been a specialist windfarm developer and operator since 1982. It now has over 400 staff in 11 offices across the world. RES is one of the most experienced windfarm developers and builders in the world. It has built over 50 wind farms in different countries and conditions across the world and many more in various stages of development.

Southern part of proposed Puketiro Windfarm infrastructure zone prior to decision



Southern part of proposed Puketiro Windfarm infrastructure zone after decision

