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I am Alvina Edwards aka Barrett, No Ngati Irakehu- Ngai Tahu -I stand here today as a mother the voice representing my children from Waikato-Tainui- Maniapoto; also my future moko and my great moko; that will be directly impacted by the Mighty River Power Asset sales; I am also standing here as a member of Mighty River Peoples Power;

I would like to have my discussion tabled as a submission;

I would like to mihi and acknowledge those whanau; hapu and Iwi that have boycotted today's Hui -Tena koutou;

It is my understanding these hui are for those who affiliate to these iwi/rohe and will be directly affected by the Mighty River Power sale. Therefore it is appropriate that I stand;

Firstly, Mighty River People's Power is committed to making the sale and buying of shares as unattractive as possible. We want to remind this government and others that we are opposed to this. Our bottom line is NO asset sales – it's not yours to sell.

This submission is in support of all of the recommendations of the Turangawaewae Water Summit;

Further, I express concern and oppose this illusion of consultation; the consultation time frames- are inadequate;

Information on the hui was only released last night- this is unacceptable; the short public notification leaves little time for those within the area to organise themselves;

In addition, I state that the purpose of the hui is unclear

I consider that there is government predetermination- whilst the consultation does mean agreement, the Government cannot enter into consultation with a pre-determined outcome in mind. This is evidenced in The Press Release yesterday referred to the "shares-plus" concept as follows:

The Government has already said that such a shareholding would be unattractive, unnecessary and unworkable but now that the matter has been raised we will talk to affected Iwi about it.

I suggest that you have a National Hui on all issues;

Finally this government needs to resolve many other issues that have arisen of late; however don't forget to resolve the 4.3 billion dollars that you we were overcharged on your power bills over the last decade [I submit an article evidencing this] I also submit my invoice of \$5000.00 from my whanau for you to resolve.

*I don't want my assets sold
nor do I want my assets
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