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Subject: Notifications Consent Submission: Group 542
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Group ID: 542

Consent name: Bathurst Coal Limited

Consent number: CRC184166, CRC200500, CRC201366, CRC201367, CRC201368, CRC203016, RC185622

Name: Scott BAgley

Care of:

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Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: Yes

Consent support/hearing details

- CRC184166: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC200500: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201366: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201367: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201368: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC203016: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- RC185622: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing

Reasons comment:

It is irresponsible and unethical to consent the further extraction of coal during a climate

and ecological emergency. Millions of people are already being affected and to endorse activities that further exacerbate these effects is morally indefensible. The use of coal is unnecessary - there are less climate-damaging alternatives available for the local industrial uses this coal is intended to support. Transition to these should be encouraged as a matter of urgency, rather than reinforcing current needlessly harmful practices. Coal kills the climate and directly negatively impacts the wellbeing of people and many non-human lives. We must stop producing and using coal if we are to bring emissions down. Furthermore this mine supports harmful and unsustainable land-use – 90% of this low-grade coal goes to Fonterra dairy factories. Intensive dairy production practices require unsustainable and biodiversity damaging inputs in terms of water abstraction for irrigation and fertiliser use. Livestock overstocking negatively impacts not only the lives of those animals but the wider natural environment and human health. Can should be facilitating transition away from such practices, not encouraging them. As well as the local negative impacts on biodiversity, wetlands and water quality, the coal extracted from this Canterbury mine will prop up further coal mining and exploration in rare and vulnerable habitats on the West Coast. The impact in these areas is devastating and should not be encouraged, even indirectly. The wider consequences of consenting the Canterbury coal mine need to be considered in terms of facilitating further damage elsewhere, as well as prolonging a dying and environmentally irresponsible industry. Please see: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_E8vIoxbas Bathurst Ltd have a poor record for honouring the terms of their consents with regard to restoration, rehabilitation and mitigation of environmental effects. Bathurst have repeatedly breached their existing consents for discharge to local waterways that are the habitat of the endangered Canterbury mudfish. I have no confidence they will respect the conditions imposed on them regarding environmental impacts. Currently the Resource Management Act does not allow ‘climate impact’ as grounds for refusing a consent. However, this RMA clause is being reviewed and is likely to be changed to be compatible with the Zero Carbon Act. In 2019 ECan committed to declaring and acting on a climate and ecological emergency. As elected representatives, your primary responsibility is to the health of your local population and whenua. Granting consent to Bathurst Ltd will have an undeniably negative impact on local environment and community – as well as the impact on indigenous biodiversity and cultural values. Selwyn D.C’s own Notification decision report identified the impact of noise and dust, pollution of local waterway, landscape effects and overall amenity values as being more than minor. Bathurst has also repeatedly failed to provide the required information on these issues. Please consider the far reaching and long-term negative impact of granting these consents when making your decision. The impact on human and non-human lives far outweighs any economic benefits to Bathurst or the wider economy. If the true costs of these activities were internalised there would be no debate here. Encouraging the further extraction and burning of coal is indefensible in these times - I trust you will make the right decision. In good faith, Scott Bagley.

Consent comment:

Decline all consents being sought by Bathurst Coal Ltd.