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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: Matthew Baird

Care of:

Mailing address 1:

Mailing address 2:

Suburb:

Town/City:

Post-code:

Country:

Mobile phone:

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Contact by email: Yes

Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: Yes

Consent support/hearing details

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

Reasons comment:

Later this year, I'm going to become a father. I strongly believe that we have an obligation

to leave things better than we found them; that means not letting our children's quality of life be compromised for the sake of short-term profit. Coal is on the way out, the primary consumer (90%) of the coal from this mine is Fonterra and Synlait. Both of these companies (Fonterra: <https://www.odt.co.nz/rural-life/dairy/fonterra-phasing-out-coal> Synlait: <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/2018/07/11/149629/why-electricity-will-replace-coal-in-dairy-plants>) have plans to phase out their use of coal, long before these consents will expire. Nationally and globally the situation is no different, coal use is decreasing everywhere. This decrease in coal use is encouraging, but it needs to happen sooner to protect the climate for our future generations. We are in a climate emergency, as declared by ECan in 2019 (<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/news-and-events/2019/environment-canterbury-declares-climate-emergency/>). This means business as usual cannot continue if we are going to avoid catastrophic climate change. We must be scaling back fossil fuel operations, not expanding them. I understand that currently resource consents cannot currently be declined based on 'climate impact', but this is being reviewed and is likely to change soon to be compatible with the Climate Change Response (Zero-Carbon) Amendment Act 2019. If climate impact and our future generations livelihood are not good enough reasons to decline this mine extension, there are at least three more: 1. Bathurst cannot be trusted to adhere to their consents: In 2017, Bathurst was fined (<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/get-involved/news-and-events/2017/coal-mine-fined-for-consent-breaches/>) for breaching the RMA, putting the local waterways and ecosystems at risk. This is only one of many infractions they have received over the years, the latest in November 2019. 2. Negative impacts on local community and environment Selwyn District Council's own report (from <https://ecan.govt.nz/do-it-online/resource-consents/notifications-and-submissions/current-consent-projects/bathurst-coal-limited/>) identified that the impact of the mine would not be small. Noise and dust, pollution of waterways, and landscape effects will all negatively impact the local community and environment. Bathurst have also failed to provide the required information on these issues. 3. Lack of future demand As mentioned earlier, the demand for the coal from this mine is going to decrease over the next decade, we should not be risking and further damaging the environment for something so short lived.

Consent comment:

Decline all applications, for the sake my future child and everyone.