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**Group ID: 542**

**Consent name:** Bathurst Coal Limited

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

**Name:** MARNEY BROSNAN

**Care of:**

**Mailing address 1:**

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**Suburb:**

**Town/City**

**Post-code:**

**Country:**

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**Email:**

**Contact by email:** No

**Is a trade competitor:** No

**Directly affected:** No

**Consent support/hearing details**

- CRC184166: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC200500: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC201366: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC201367: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC201368: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC203016: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- RC185622: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing

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**Reasons comment:**

I do not consent to Bathurst Coal Ltd application to continue operating and expand an open cast coal mine in Bush Gully Rd., Malvern Hills, Selwyn. Coal belongs in the history books of the 1800's and is fueling the world climate crisis. We have to stop producing and using coal if we are to bring emissions down. The low-grade coal from this mine is used locally for industrial heating, a use for which climate-friendly alternatives exist. I live next door to the Opawa Primary School which 2 weeks ago fired up its coal fired heating system. This emits the most foul toxic stink over the school children and our neighbourhood. And is a complete oxymoron in a time when young people are taking to the streets in their thousands to say leave fossil fuel in the ground. Coal from this mine is supporting an unsustainable model of land-use in Canterbury. 90% of Bathurst's low grade coal is going to Fonterra dairy factories. Fonterra's intensive production of low price/high volume commodities requires livestock overstocking, artificial fertilisers which is killing our environment and is disastrous for human health. Calls for a change to this model are growing steadily stronger and more mainstream. Bathurst coal mining has a disregard of the environment and our biodiversity. Having repeatedly breached consents for discharge into waterways. I have no confidence in Bathurst doing otherwise. Another reason that this open cast coal mine should not be giving consent to expand is that the Resource Management Act is so old it does not allow 'climate impact' as grounds for refusing a consent. However, this RMA clause is being reviewed and will be changed to be compatible with the Zero Carbon Act. As well as the impact on indigenous biodiversity and cultural values, Selwyn District Council'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. Last year 2019 I was outside ECan when your chief executive Bill Bayfield 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.

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**Consent comment:**

For all these reasons, therefore, I argue that Bathurst's application for resource consents to enable it to extend its coal-mining operations at Canterbury Mines SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED. I wish to be heard in support of this submission. I would consider presenting a joint case at a hearing with others who have made similar submissions. Yours sincerely,  
Marney Brosnan



Submission to: Environment Canterbury, Christchurch  
and Selwyn District Council, Rolleston, Canterbury  
Submission from: Marney Brosnan

Name: Marney Brosnan

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Applicant: Bathurst Coal Limited  
C/- Edwina White

***Re: Bathurst Coal Ltd application to Environment Canterbury and Selwyn District Council for consents to continue operating and expand an open cast coal mine (known as Canterbury Coal Mine), including retrospective and future operation at Bush Gully Road, Malvern Hills, Selwyn.***

I do not consent to Bathurst Coal Ltd application to continue operating and expand an open cast coal mine in Bush Gully Rd., Malvern Hills, Selwyn.

Coal belongs in the history books of the 1800's and is fueling the world climate crisis. We have to stop producing and using coal if we are to bring emissions down. The low-grade coal from this mine is used locally for industrial heating, a use for which climate-friendly alternatives exist.

I live next door to the Opawa Primary School which 2 weeks ago fired up its coal fired heating system. This emits the most foul toxic stink over the school children and our neighbourhood. And is a complete oxymoron in a time when young people are taking to the streets in their thousands to say leave fossil fuel in the ground.

Coal from this mine is supporting an unsustainable model of land-use in Canterbury. 90% of Bathurst's low grade coal is going to Fonterra dairy factories. Fonterra's intensive production of low price/high volume commodities requires livestock overstocking, artificial fertilisers which is killing our environment and is disastrous for human health. Calls for a change to this model are growing steadily stronger and more mainstream.

Bathurst coal mining has a disregard of the environment and our biodiversity. Having repeatedly breached consents for discharge into waterways. I have no confidence in Bathurst doing otherwise.

Another reason that this open cast coal mine should not be giving consent to expand is that the Resource Management Act is so old it does not allow 'climate impact' as grounds for refusing a consent. However, this RMA clause is being reviewed and will be changed to be compatible with the Zero Carbon Act.

As well as the impact on indigenous biodiversity and cultural values, Selwyn District Council'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.

Last year 2019 I was outside ECan when your chief executive Bill Bayfield 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.

For all these reasons, therefore, I argue that Bathurst's application for resource consents to enable it to extend its coal-mining operations at Canterbury Mines **should not be approved.**

I wish to be heard in support of this submission. I would consider presenting a joint case at a hearing with others who have made similar submissions.

Yours sincerely,  
Marney Brosnan