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I'm a neighbouring land owner, our farm, Hartley Hills is a 271 ha property that my husband and I own , it's directly across a pine forest plantation owned by Matariki company that is in the gully between the mine and Hartley Hills. This gully running parallel between us and the mine, is planted with trees up to our farm boundary that's situated on the northwestern side, of the mine, our land runs across the tops of the Cairn Hill ridge where we have a trig station atop the highest rocky ridge.

In explaining this I want you to be fully aware of our ability to look directly across to this coal mine. Although we're retired and leasing our farm, we continue to live here enjoying all the beauty and improvements that we have created for ourselves family and friends over the 27 years that we've been here. It is not uncommon for us to drive up to the top of the farm, there's a good road, to enjoy the evenings. The expansion of this mine and the sadness I feel as I see the stripping away of the vegetation, the massive alteration of the natural contours of that area is a constant sorrow for me.

It's been a relentless operation for which we had not been notified about and which fills me with dismay. Even at night we see all the vehicles with their lights on moving around the long winding roads up on the tops of the mine, going about their noisy business of demolishing the land and shifting the coal and dirt to create a changed environment.

Part of farm, in the lower valleys, has one of the very best Canterbury mudfish hatcheries, we have worked and invested in fencing to help maintain its natural integrity re the flora and fauna so that it remains naturally viable hatchery.

To this end we've had people from University of Canterbury College of Sciences visit over the last 11 years, most recently in August 2018 Christopher Meijer completed his thesis titled Improving Conservation of Kowaro (Canterbury mudfish) with our help.

Our concerns regarding the abilities of Bathurst to abide by conditions set to successfully mitigate dangers to the viability of the mudfish survival in this adjoining valley, come from a heartfelt place of active participation and the hands on aspect of "putting our money where our mouth is".

I have trouble trusting that such a company as Bathurst, with its history of non compliance can look after the mudfish considering how spoiling the land is their modus operandi

Also, as conservationists, we've had modest amounts of monies from both Ecan and the Selwyn District Council to assist in the fencing off of one small steep area of rare remnant bush, done about 10 yrs ago that has responded magnificently. Last yr a second regenerating area of gorse alongside the original remnant bush block, has been subsequently added.

These precious jewels of ancient habitat sit alongside the activities of their nemesis, the coal mine of Bathurst, which is very close, the way the crow flies, probably only a couple of kms.

All the intellectual arguments about the conditions that must be met by Bathurst to be able to expand, let alone maintain the present workings, fly in the face of our ongoing passion to work with Gaia rather than rape her as Bathurst does, so obviously seen from our view from top of Hartley Hills, using this obsolete way of generating energy.

I trust that this submission alongside many others against the expansion of Bathurst Mine will have the required effect of halting it .

Thank you
Helen Davey
Sent from my iPad