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**Subject:** Notifications Consent Submission: Group 542

**Date:** Friday, 15 May 2020 7:24:33 PM

Group ID: 542

Consent name: Bathurst Coal Limited

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

CRC203016, RC185622

Name: Rory Deans

Care of:

Mailing address 1:

Mailing address 2:

Suburb:

Town/City:

**Post-code:** 

Country:

Mobile phone:

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Contact by email: No

Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: Yes

## Consent support/hearing details

- CRC184166: neither | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC200500: neither | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201366: neither | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201367: neither | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201368: neither | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC203016: neither | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- RC185622: neither | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing

## **Reasons comment:**

As I live on Malvern Hills Rd I am directly and significantly affected by these mining

operations. Practically all mine traffic from cars to utility vehicles to heavily laden 50 tonne plus trucks and trailers go past my gate 20metres from the house. Cars and utes have little effect apart from the frequency of traffic. However the empty & laden trucks are another story. Depending on the condition of the road the noise from empty high sided bin trucks is horrendous. It is like a roll of thunder travelling through the valley. Vast clouds of choking dust from 32 tyres on each truck/trailer unit is also horrendous. This dust settles on the paddocks and is ingested by livestock with subsequent bad lung problems etc. However these can be mitigated to a large extent by watering of the road to keep dust down. This is currently done in most part although it is often not complete. I.e. not all the shingle is watered all the time. Seems to be a bit at the whim of the driver?? The thunderous truck noise is helped if the road is kept in good repair without potholes. In dry conditions with watering this seems OK but in wet weather potholes quickly emerge and the noise increases significantly. It is noted in various reports in the application that generally all effects are given as nil or of a minor nature. This just isn't true. Testing done was often at low movement times and under ideal road conditions. The other significant factor is noise and lights from any night operations. The three houses on Tara Farm have all suffered form noise at night impairing sleep at times. The lights can be seen at night from well out on the Canterbury plains. They are not always turned facing into the hills. While it is accepted this is an industrial site that provides employment and economic benefits to the community it is at a considerable cost to those on Malvern Hills Rd. I have marked my objections to each resource consent as 'Neither oppose nor support' as I do no expect the operation to close. But I do consider the commissionairs should consider the conditions of operation.

## **Consent comment:**

1. No 24 hour operations. Limit to between 6AM and 10PM at night. 2. The road must be watered constantly when dusty or must be sealed. 3. Heavy truck speed limits be enforced at 30KM per hour. 4. Water quality in the Tara stream must be constantly monitored for harmful sediments