Group ID: 542

Consent name: Bathurst Coal Limited

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

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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:

I live in Canterbury, but anyone living anywhere has reason to oppose these consents -

because in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, scientific and photographic evidence from around the world has proven the benefits of less fossil fuel use and industrial pollution, of which use of coal plays a huge part. Major industrial and big-polluting nations like the UK and US are showing their energy supply grids are using more renewable energy and use of coal is dropping significantly – the time is now, not in 5 or 10 or more years, for companies in New Zealand (e.g. Fonterra and Synlait) that rely on coal burning, to invest in alternative energy systems. That is about corporate and environmental responsibility; they should be doing it right now rather than just paying lip service to NZ's so-called "clean and green" image – and this would make the need for expansion of any coal mines redundant. We are almost a quarter of the way into the 21st Century – "business as usual" in this case does not apply. A well-used business quote from the 1990s Clinton Administration regarding recession at that time is: "It's the economy, stupid" – well, in May 2020 Bathurst needs to understand that: "It's the environment, stupid". Slow down (not accelerate) coal mining + protect the environment = a healthy economy.

Consent comment:

Refuse all consents by Bathurst to expand its open-cast coal mine in Canterbury.