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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:** John Du Four

**Care of:**

**Mailing address 1:**

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**Suburb:**

**Town/City:**

**Post-code:**

**Country**

**Mobile phone:**

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**Contact by email:** Yes

**Is a trade competitor:** No

**Directly affected:** No

**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

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**Reasons comment:**

Thank you for the opportunity to make my submission. I'll keep my points brief - they are

not unique, on the contrary, they are well known to all involved with this decision-making process. - Firstly, and unequivocally . . . coal kills the climate. If we are to stand any chance of bringing emissions down, we must simply stop producing and using coal. Short-term jobs will count for nothing in a climate-ravaged world (and through Covid-19, we now have a very real understanding of the impact of a global calamity!) - In 2019 ECan committed to declaring and acting on a climate and ecological emergency. Your primary responsibility is to the health of your local population and whenua. - 90% of this mine's low-grade coal goes to Fonterra dairy factories. Their non-regenerative intensive commercial model necessitates levels of irrigation, fertiliser use and livestock overstocking clearly understood to be harmful to the natural environment and to human health. Calls for a change to this model are ever stronger and constantly becoming more mainstream. - Bathurst have repeatedly breached their existing consents for discharge to local waterways. How can we have any confidence they will not continue to do so? - Negative impact on local environment and community, on indigenous biodiversity and cultural values, will not cease until we change the model. This is thoroughly outdated thinking. Like the very appearance of the mine's operations within the beautiful natural landscape - it is an ugly blight. We are so much better than this. And if we are not, then just watch the unfolding dystopia we will bring down upon us all. Now is the time to show true leadership and enlightenment. Indeed, it is your civic - and human - duty! Thank you - John Du Four (A Cantabrian for 30+ years)

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**Consent comment:**  
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