

**CON520: SUBMISSION ON RESOURCE
CONSENT APPLICATION***(SECTION 96 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991)*

TO: Consents Hearings
Environment Canterbury
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OR: submit by completing an on-line form at:

<https://www.ecan.govt.nz/do-it-online/resource-consents/notifications-and-submissions/notified-consents/>.

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FILE: CRC184166, CRC200500, CRC201366,
CRC201367, CRC201368, CRC203016

Closing Date: **5.00pm Tuesday 21 April 2020**

Person(s) /Group /Organisation Making the Submission

Full Name of Submitter(s): Donna-Marie Field

Postal Address For Service: _____

Contact Phone No(s): _____

Fax/Email: _____

☐ Please tick this box if you do not want to receive any communication via email

Contact Person:

Donna Field

Name of applicant: Bathurst Coal Limited

Applications to Environment Canterbury

☒ X

All of the applications as listed below OR only those as ticked.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC184166 | Land use to undertake earthworks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC200500 | Discharge contaminants to air (fugitive dust) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC201366 | To take surface water from artificial ponds, divert surface water and dam water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC201367 | To take groundwater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC201368 | Discharge sediment, drainage water and residual contaminants to water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CRC203016 | Discharge contaminants to land and to water |

☒ X I / We oppose the application

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I / We **do not** wish to be heard in support of my/our submission

(Note: this means that you cannot speak at the hearing, however you will retain your right to appeal any decision to the Environment Court on any decision made by the Council.)

Application to Selwyn District Council



RC185622

Land use to expand Canterbury Coal Mine (retrospective and in the future)



X / We oppose the application

I / We **do not** wish to be heard in support of my/our submission

(Note: this means that you cannot speak at the hearing, however you will retain your right to appeal any decision to the Environment Court on any decision made by the Council.)

2. The reasons for making my submission are: *(state in summary the nature of your submission, giving reasons)*

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Bathurst Coal Ltd application to continue to operate and extend their mining operations.

I would like to oppose Bathurst's application to extend their open cast mining operation and all consents applicable to the application.

My family comes from the Stockton Coal Plateau. I have witnessed the damage to water quality, biodiversity values and habitat and the irreversible change in the landscape that open cast mining has. Once the area has been opencast mined you have lost complete integrity of habitat, landscape, soil structure and geology.

One of my greatest concerns is the impact of acid mine drainage and sediment loss and the ongoing long-term effects on waterways and associated invertebrates and fish. Although Bathurst has mitigations and treatment plans for this I am concerned for Tara and Bush Gully Stream, Bathurst has already had impacts upon these waterways with contamination and water infrastructure that needs continued work.

With previous records of work without consent I do not have faith that Bathurst will do the right thing for their environmental rehabilitation.

Open cast coal mining is contrary to NZs stance on Climate Change. The supply to local dairy factories where it will be burnt, contributes to climate and greenhouse issues and should be viewed as a short-term industry not one looking for enlargement.

Please attach additional pages if required

3. I wish the consent authority to make the following decision: *(give details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)*

I would like the consent authority to not grant consent to Bathurst Coal to extend their mining operation.

If the consenting authority is concerned that there will be a large economic impact that is further exacerbated with the Covid 19 then I would like the authority to limit the time span the consent is given to 5 years with Bathurst supplying an exit strategy to stop mining and rehabilitate the site at the end of that time. _____

Please attach additional pages if required

4. ☒ **I am not** a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- ☐ **I am** a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991; and
- ☐ **I am** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.
- ☐ **I am not** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Signature of submitter or duly authorised agent on behalf of submitter	
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Notes to the submitter:

1. *The person making this submission must send a copy to the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after serving Environment Canterbury*
2. *A list of all submissions received will be provided to the applicant.*
3. *Privacy: Please note that submissions are public. Your name and submission (excluding your contact details) will be included in papers that are available to the media and public which may include publication on the Council website. Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the notified resource consent process*

The address for service of the applicant is:

Applicant: Bathurst Coal Limited
Address for service: Bathurst Coal Limited
Attn: Edwina White.