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## Form Summary

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**Multiple choice** I oppose allowing further earthworks and discharges of contaminants into water and air as part of the expansion of the Canterbury Coal Mine., I oppose Bathurst Mining Limited being granted retroactive consent for uncontested earthworks within Canterbury Coal Mine., I support actions that may be required to mitigate the impacts of the existing harms caused by the mine.

**Why do you oppose the mine?** We already know that we can't burn the fossil fuels we have already extracted. We cannot afford the explorations already in place let alone explore more. This also seems to go directly against the PARIS Agreement and the Zero Carbon Act. Stop Expansion of the Mine Environment Canterbury and Selwyn district council should deny consents related to the expansion of the Canterbury Coal mine (CRC184166, CRC200500, CRC201367, CRC201368 and RC185622). The councils should recognise that expansion of coal mining in Canterbury represents a significant environmental hazard that conflicts with the purposes of the Resource Management Act. Coal mining is harmful both directly to the local environment - via discharges of contaminated water into an already fragile ecosystem - and the wider global environment - via its uniquely harmful role in greenhouse gas emissions. Deny Retroactive Consents ECan and Selwyn should deny Bathurst Coal Limited retroactive consent for unconsented activities after the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan came into effect in late 2015. Such breaches of planning regulations should be penalised appropriately, not rewarded with retroactive authorisation and the granting of further consents. Require Mitigation of Existing Impacts While expansion of mining operations should not be permitted, consent should be granted for activities related to the mitigation of existing impacts, namely to take water from artificial ponds for dust suppression

(CRC201366) and to discharge lime and mussel shells (aspects of CRC203016). In fact these actions should be required as part of managing the harms caused by preexisting mining operations.

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