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Group ID: 542

Consent name: Bathurst Coal Limited

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

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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:

Coal Extraction is out-dated technology that completely fails to work within our current

context. This is clearly illustrated in legislation via the Zero Carbon Act, 2019. Further, the RMA clause which prevents 'climate impact' as grounds for refusing consent is under review and it is likely to change to better fit the new legal context. That coal is a technology of the past can also be seen in the fact that viable, environmentally-friendly alternatives have been developed and are available. The dairy factories that use 90% of this coal are aware of the option to use climate responsible fuels rather than coal and they have the capability to do so as their Te Awamutu plant shows:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/farming/119143176/fonterra-plant-ditches-coal-for-wood-pellets> The reality of any stated gains that stood to be made by accepting this proposal are at best short-termed. E-Can is well aware of this, having already committed to declaring and acting on a climate and ecological emergency. There is real pressure in the form of legislation and public awareness of coal as unethical and undesired. Furthermore, the lead organisation, Bathurst, has breached its consents for discharge to local waterways and need to develop their current resource management before attempting expansion. The documentation supplied by Selwyn D.C's shows that the impact of the mine on the local area is not minor. Coal mining is a significant burden to load onto any environment and it simply is not viable to attempt to expand the current mine. The negative impacts on the local environment would occur as soon as construction began. The carbon outputs it would produce already verge on being illegal let alone in ten or twenty years time. The negative outcomes produced by this project would be bad in the short term, far worse in the mid-term and literally an emergency in the long-term. E-Can recognised that fact in the climate emergency declaration last year and this is an opportunity to realise that vision.

Consent comment:

For the reasons I have stated above, I wish the consent authority to decide to not approve Bathurst's application for resource consent to extend its coal-mining operation at Canterbury Mines.