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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:** Jensen

**Care of:** Kate Jensen

**Mailing address 1:**

**Mailing address 2:**

**Suburb:**

**Town/City:**

**Post-code:**

**Country:**

**Mobile phone:**

**Work phone:**

**Home phone:**

**Email:**

**Contact by email:** Yes

**Is a trade competitor:** No

**Directly affected:** Yes

**Consent support/hearing details**

- CRC184166: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC200500: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201366: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201367: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201368: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC203016: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- RC185622: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing

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**Reasons comment:**

Coal kills the climate – we must stop producing and using coal if we are to bring emissions

down. The low-grade coal from this mine is used locally for industrial heating, a use for which climate-friendly alternatives exist. Currently the Resource Management Act does not allow 'climate impact' as grounds for refusing a consent. However, this RMA clause is being reviewed and is likely to be changed to be compatible with the Zero Carbon Act. In 2019 ECan committed to declaring and acting on a climate and ecological emergency. As elected representatives, your primary responsibility is to the health of your local population and whenua. The mine supports an unsustainable model of land-use – 90% of this low-grade coal goes to Fonterra dairy factories. Their commercial model (the intensive production of low price/high volume commodities) requires a degree of irrigation, fertiliser use and livestock overstocking that is harmful to both the natural environment and human health. Calls for a change to this model are growing steadily stronger and more mainstream. Disregard for environmental degradation and threat to biodiversity – Bathurst have repeatedly breached their existing consents for discharge to local waterways that are the habitat of the endangered Canterbury mudfish. We have no confidence they will not continue to do so. Negative impact on local environment and community – as well as the impact on indigenous biodiversity and cultural values, Selwyn D.C's own Notification decision report identified the impact of noise and dust, pollution of local waterway, landscape effects and overall amenity values as being more than minor. Bathurst has also repeatedly failed to provide the required information on these issues. New Zealand overshoot day was on May 7th this year. That means that for the entire rest of the year we are emitting more greenhouse gas than the planet can sustain. The science is clear, we can't afford to burn the coal, oil and gas that is on top of the ground now. Let alone extract any more. It is time for change. Rather than subsidising or supporting unsustainable fossil fuels we must put money into developing sustainable fuel sources as quickly as possible.

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**Consent comment:**

Do not issue resource consent for any new or existing coal mining in Canterbury or the rest of New Zealand. Or consent for expansion of any existing coal mining operations.