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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: Gerrie Ligtenberg

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Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: Yes

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:

In the light of climate change and the need to reduce the use of fossil fuels a Zero Carbon

Act was passed in parliament. Despite the fact this is not in accordance with the RMA as yet it may be well possible that this will change in the near future which would make acceptance of this consent obsolete. Ecan has declared a climate emergency, acting on that means no more use of fossil fuels. This mine directly supplies an unsustainable industry based on intensive farming and more use of chemicals, there is increased pressure to use alternative fuels for drying milk so it does not make sense to assume future demand for coal. The environmental impact is huge, destroying the natural habitat, the Selwyn catchment is already polluted and water has been over allocated. We must protect our drinking water resources for now and future generations. The lack of clean safe drinking water will affect the health of the whole nation with increased costs to an already overburdened health system. Promises of remediation have been breached in the past so I don't believe this organisation is genuine when promising to reduce the impact. It does not make sense to clear unique wetlands that have to be restored again or discharging pollutants in the downstream to Lake Ellesmere where millions are used to clean up the area. All this work and money is completely wasted if you keep the pollution going at the other end. I am also against because of the impact it has due to increased traffic movement, dust and light pollution at night which causes social effects like sleep deprivation and respiratory disease. It cannot be denied we have seen an increase in natural disasters with floods, increased storm activity and heavy rain which will cause debris from such a mine to be spread over a large area. If in the worst case scenario some of these consents should be accepted a financial guarantee for cleaning up current and future problems needs to be in place, this should be in the order of millions. And if permission is granted to expand only small areas at the time should be explored in order to minimize the damage to the environment.

Consent comment:

Do not grant any of the consents as mentioned above.