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Subject: Submission for Bathurst coal mine
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Re resource consent for coal mining in Ecan and Selwyn District

Canterbury Regional Council

CRC184166 – To undertake earthworks in the high soil erosion risk area, and earthworks and vegetation clearance in riparian margins, including the removal of wetland vegetation.

CRC200500 – To discharge contaminants to air (fugitive dust) from within the mine operations area.

CRC201366 – To take surface water from artificial ponds, to divert surface run-off resulting in changes to sub-catchment boundaries and to store water in artificial ponds.

CRC201367 – To take groundwater (via drainage systems)

CRC201368 – To discharge sediment and mine influenced water, drainage water and residual contaminants from the treatment of water to Tara Stream/Wetland.

CRC203016 – To discharge coal combustion residuals, lime products and mussel shells to land and to water (artificial watercourses)

The following consent terms have been sought:

CRC184166: 20 years;

CRC200500: 35 years;

CRC201366, CRC201367, CRC201368: 20 years; and

CRC203016: 20 years.

Selwyn District Council

RC185622 – To expand Canterbury Coal Mine, retrospective and future (a bundled land use application comprising two application documents and further information)

I strongly oppose both applications with regards Bathurst coal mining in Selwyn district and Canterbury region.

Coal mining is destructive to the environment, an extractive resource use and greenhouse gas producing product. Coal is a fossil fuel that should remain in the ground for the safety of current and future generations on New Zealanders. New Zealand needs to embrace clean burning fuels for a sustainable future and thus I oppose this/these applications.

I am an avid outdoors person, have road biked the Canterbury and Selwyn district, walked the foot hills and oppose such extractive activity.

I have 3 children who deserve to grow up in a sustainable local and international environment – and coal mining is not aligned with this goal.

I am happy to speak to my opposition if requested.

Regards

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