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**Group ID: 542**

**Consent name:** Bathurst Coal Limited

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

**Name:** Kyle Matthews

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**Contact by email:** No

**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:**

See attached.

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**Consent comment:**

See attached.

## **Submission on Bathhurst's Proposal to Extend their Coal Mining Operations Near Coalgate**

*Consent Numbers: CRC184166; CRC200500; CRC201366; CRC201367; CRC201368; CRC203016; RC185622*

Submission by:

Kyle Matthews

**I wish to be heard in support of my submission.**

**I am opposed to this application.**

*I am opposed for the following reasons:*

1. Because of the damage that burning coal causes to our global climate.
  - a. Despite the repeated warnings of the IPCC and the existence of a scientific consensus, New Zealand has been slow to move away from coal as a source of energy.
  - b. Coal is the most harmful contributor to global warming, it is a 20th century solution to a 21st century problem.
  - c. The focus globally, as well as nationally, should be to move away from coal to help resolve the climate crisis, not expand coal.
  - d. In 2019 Ecan declared a climate emergency in recognition of the global and local impacts of the climate crisis.
2. This mine is part of an unsustainable system which requires substantial use of irrigation, nitrogen fertiliser, and coal to produce, dry, and export milk products. This system is harmful to the environment at multiple stages through land use, water quality, air pollution, and contribution of carbon and methane to global warming.
3. I note that the Resource Management Amendment Bill has clauses seeking to improve freshwater management and outcomes. Approving these applications before that law has more reflected the needs of New Zealand in 2020 would be a black mark on the history of local bodies in the Canterbury region.
4. Bathhurst have a history of breaches of resource consents relating to this mine. In 2017 Bathhurst was issued with 14 infringement notices and a \$10,500 fine for causing sediment to run into a waterway. A further 13 infringement notices were issued later that year. These breaches threatened waterways and threatened fish species.
5. The expansion of the mine will impact on the local community through increase in earthworks, transport, dust, noise, and air pollution.
6. The expansion of the mine will further risk the endangered Canterbury mudfish and its restricted habitat. The quality of its habitat is already poor, further discharges into its streams will put it further at risk.

*I therefore ask that:*

1. The consents be denied.
2. That Bathurst Coal Limited be denied 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.
3. But that consents be granted for mitigation for existing consented mining activities, such as use of reasonable amounts of water for dust suppression.