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Consent name: Bathurst Coal Limited

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

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Consent support/hearing details

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

Reasons comment:

I have a firm belief that the continuation and development of the Canterbury Coal mine,

will have numerous positive impacts and effects on a local, regional and national level that vastly out-weigh any perceived negative impacts or effects that exist. As well as the direct employment of several mine workers, the operation supports and a wide range of local businesses and services, from small to large, in turn having a large contribution to the local economies on-going success. The flow on effect to local and regional economies is large but often overlooked. With the recent COVID-19 pandemic resulting in a downturn in the economy and unemployment rising , all stimulating contributions should be welcomed. The operation primarily supplies Fonterra dairy factory in Darfield with thermal coal, used to heat water for food processing. At present I understand that coal supplied from Canterbury Coal mine is the cheapest and most environmentally friendly option for Fonterra due to its close location for supply, clean burning properties and the ability for the extraction process to be completed efficiently. In addition to supply of this primary industry, sales of thermal coal are distributed locally from autumn through spring for heating of various areas of the healthcare system and hospitals. I therefore believe that coal fuel supplied from the Canterbury Coal mine is being utilised solely by essential and vital services. In the development of the operation many environmental controls have been upgraded, installed and implemented, to mitigate any perceived adverse environmental impacts that may arise from the operation. Although a small amount of non-compliance or consent breaches have occurred in the life of the mine, the correct controls have been applied effectively to prevent such happenings from reoccurring . Vigorous testing and discharge procedures in conjunction with multiple monitoring devices ensure consent conditions are complied with. Several areas of the Environmental Management System, as well as past, current and proposed projects, continually work to enhance and improve the environment and actually offset and neutralize some of the larger scale negative effects and potential damage caused by some of the unrelated current and previous operations in the adjacent/surrounding areas. Various environmental improvement projects have been completed and planned to enhance, create and protect habitats and areas for flora and fauna both inside and out of the operations footprint, and will last years to come. The company has a strong commitment to helping out and working in co-operation with local community with several projects being undertaken with involvement at local establishments such as schools , historic trusts , clubs, parks, reserves and helping out neighbors where possible. Various time and effort has been continually invested to mitigate any potential effects on adjacent landowners and effected parties. In conclusion I believe the operations at Canterbury Coal mine are paramount in the continual improvement and success of the local and regional economies and the opportunities that it offers to individuals and businesses are great . Any perceived or potentially negative environmental impacts or effects that could occur are largely offset by the ongoing positive impacts, environmental improvements and flora and fauna habitat enhancements that have and will be undertaken. The ongoing liaison with effected parties and adjacent landowners will ensure cooperation which facilitates a close working relationship throughout the life of the operations.

Consent comment:

I wish the consent authority makes the decision in support of the proposed consents applications