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Group ID: 542

Consent name: Bathurst Coal Limited

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

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Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: No

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:

Extending the Bathurst mine to supply Fonterra should not be necessary, given that

Fonterra have committed to changing away from coal as their chief power source. We are embarking on a climate crisis, and a large contributing factor is the burning of fossil fuels, creating CO2 emissions and the resulting elevation in temperatures. Given that our government has made a commitment to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, everything possible must be done to honour this agreement, and any expansion of the fossil fuel industry renders government targets impossible to meet. If emissions are not reduced world wide, the world is on track to becoming uninhabitable, and the burning of coal is a big contributing factor. ECan declared a climate emergency last year, and by doing so, should have committed itself to climate action. It should not be endorsing or permitting such a venture, and if there are loopholes in the law, our local bodies should not be using them to satisfy the "needs" of large and overseas based companies. The expansion of the Bathurst mine at Coalgate will result in local water pollution, further endangering our native fish species, including the already endangered mudfish. It will also wipe out an area of wetland, home to a number of species. At a time when the understanding of the crucial role our wetlands have to play, in ecology, this is unacceptable. The existing mine is already an eyesore, and has severely damaged the land, and an expansion of the land will further contribute towards visual pollution. Mine owners are notorious for failing to restore the land and water following mine closure, and local bodies have been historically lax when private land holders have requested that their land be restored to an acceptable condition. The proposed mine expansion is on private land. There are no acceptable reasons why this mine should go ahead. The short term profits of both the Bathurst mining company and Fonterra should never take precedence over the wellbeing of our planet.

Consent comment:

The expansion of the Bathurst mine at Coalgate must never go ahead.