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Group ID: 542

Consent name: Bathurst Coal Limited

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

Name: Abe O'Donnell

Care of:

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Contact by email: Yes

Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: No

Consent support/hearing details

- CRC184166: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC200500: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC201366: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC201367: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC201368: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC203016: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- RC185622: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing

Reasons comment:

If Bathurst is granted any more authorisation the climate will be further impaired. While the coal will encourage unsustainable dairy farming. Bathurst cannot be trusted so if they are given more approval than what they already have, they will abuse it to a dangerous level.

Consent comment:

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To Environment Canterbury and Selwyn District Council

Submission from

Abe O'Donnell

Applicant: Bathurst Coal Limited

C/- Edwina White.

Re: Bathurst Coal Ltd application to Environment Canterbury and Selwyn District Council for consents to continue operating and expand an open cast coal mine (known as Canterbury Coal Mine), including retrospective and future operation at Bush Gully Road, Malvern Hills, Selwyn.

I wish to be heard in support of this submission and would consider presenting a joint case at a hearing with others who have made similar submissions.

I object all of the consents Bathurst is applying for. Granting any authorisation will perpetuate further climate change, the coal would be used to power another environmentally degradative industry and the consents are likely to be breached.

Coal causes climate change. Although the RMA does not yet take greenhouse gas emissions into account, Environment Canterbury and Selwyn District Council should. Climate change is going to burn ice sheets and raise sea levels which will shrink terrestrial land all over the world. It will endanger wildlife by forcing them out of their habitat. While lowering crop yields which will occur and this will be most intensified in countries near the equator who are already starving. Both Environment Canterbury and Selwyn District Council are supposed to represent the people in their area. Even

the people who are not of voting age deserve to be heard in a democracy. We have spoken through the school strike for the climate so it is your responsibility to listen to our demands for action. Now well done Environment Canterbury for declaring a climate emergency. However, what does that mean if you are giving out consents which cause climate change? Do not go back on your word. Do not authorise Bathurst to extract more coal.

Bathurst sends the vast majority of their coal to dairy factories. These factories are mainly used for drying milk. This means that they will require more cattle to be on this land. Subsequently resulting in unavoidable methane emissions. It also means more nitrogen as the dairy industry tries to get farmers to produce as much quantity as they can and therefore encouraging them to use fertilisers. These, two greenhouse gas emissions cause further climate change. Nitrogen and phosphate also runoff into waterways. Which is inhibiting people from being able to enjoy swimming in clean water. Fortunately for us though, we do not have to go in the water. The same, however, cannot be said for Kowaro who are the most endangered species of mudfish. There is also an absurd amount of freshwater being withdrawn for dairy farming so do not allow Bathurst to power this monstrosity.

Bathurst has a tradition of dishonesty. When they were authorised to extract 20,000 tonnes of coal annually they took 100,000 tonnes. They have caused sediment to run to there waterways which Environment Canterbury's [website](#) illustrates this being a supposed value of \$10,500. If you look on the home [page](#) they say "sustainability is a core value to us". This misleading statement is representative of their dishonesty. This coal mine is used for a steady income for their larger scale and risky overseas coal mine operations. Coal is also dropping in price and since we can not afford to burn all the fossil fuels which have already been extracted, it is feasible that their business goes under. When this happens, don't be surprised if they leave without cleaning up their mess. Their history also shows that, in this case, they probably would not restore the wetland which they have promised. They can not be trusted so do not give them any approval.

I oppose all the consents Bathurst has applied for. If they granted any more authorisation the climate will be further impaired. While the coal will encourage unsustainable dairy farming. Bathurst cannot be trusted so if they are given more approval than what they already have, they will abuse it to a dangerous level.