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Subject: Notifications Consent Submission: Group 542
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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 | 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

Reasons comment:

Coal is the highest emitting of the fossil fuels. We are in a race to save our own species,

and all others, from runaway global heating. Coal is the biggest culprit of all the fossil fuels. The only moral choice is to phase out coal asap. New mining applications should be turned down immediately. Coal belongs in a museum. It is last century's fuel. 90% of the low-grade coal from this mine is used locally for feeding Fonterra's and Synlait's milk drying plants. That is unsustainable use of land. Firstly, producing milk on the Canterbury Plains is an inappropriate use of this land type and must be phased out in a way that is fair to farmers. Secondly, climate-friendly alternatives exist to dry milk other than coal, and must immediately be implemented. The dairy industry's commercial model (the intensive production of low price/high volume commodities) requires irrigation, fertiliser use and livestock overstocking that is harmful to both the natural environment and human health. Calls for a change to this model are Strong and growing stronger. Whilst the Resource Management Act does not allow 'climate impact' as grounds for refusing a consent for this application that is about to change to make it compatible with the Zero Carbon Act. In 2019 ECan committed to declaring and acting on a climate and ecological emergency. As elected representatives, your primary responsibility is to the health of your local population and whenua. Bathurst has in the past shown disregard for environmental degradation and threat to biodiversity – Bathurst have repeatedly breached their existing consents for discharge to local waterways that are the habitat of the endangered Canterbury mudfish. We have no confidence they will not continue to do so. Negative impact on local environment and community – as well as the impact on indigenous biodiversity and cultural values, Selwyn D.C's own Notification decision report identified the impact of noise and dust, pollution of local waterway, landscape effects and overall amenity values as being more than minor. Bathurst has also repeatedly failed to provide the required information on these issues.

Consent comment:

Oppose all new applications by Bathurst Resources for expanding coal mining operations and instead require this company to work with ECan and Selwyn District Council to undertake a fair transition away from coal mining so that all current workers are retrained and reinstalled in jobs that will help, not hinder, the ability for humankind to survive into the future.