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To: <u>Hearings</u>
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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

Name: Monica Richards

Care of: Monica Richards

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Is a trade competitor: No

**Directly affected:** Yes

## 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:**

Kia Ora. I oppose the extension of Bathurst Coal Ltd's application for coal extraction.

From their website they state '...our Canterbury Coal mine produces low sulphur coal primarily fueling the local dairy industry.' We know coal as a fuel is one of the major global contributers to the changing climate which threatens our global way of life. As a country with excellent access to the development of alternative forms of energy we should be leading the way as a nation. On a local scale, Environment Canterbury, and I think the Christchurch City Council, have declared a climate emergency therefore they should be opposing this development. ECAN has a responsibility to manage our environment and adding to Carbon DIoxide through the burning of coal from Bathurst Coal Ltd will do exactly that. The dairy industry is already highly damaging to the Canterbury environment and they should show sincerity in wishing to change by not using fossil fuels. Fonterra states on their website, 'Putting sustainability at the core of our new strategy means doing our bit to tackle climate change.' Using coal as an energy source is NOT doing your bit to tackle climate change. Dairy Companies cannot claim one thing on a website and act completely contrary to this. ECAN state on their website 'As an organisation, Environment Canterbury is conscious of its own carbon footprint. We continue to work to reduce our organisation's greenhouse gas emissions.' Your ethics will not stand up if you reduce your carbon footprint but issue licences that will increase Canterbury's greenhouse gas emissions overall. That does not make environmental sense and is I am sure not acceptable to your charter and founding values. Also from their website ECAN says whilst they do not have a regulatory role in controlling greenhouse emissions, they say '...many of our policies and plans will inherently lead to a reduction in emissions,'. If ECAN issue Bathurst coal limited with a 20 year extension they are clearly not reducing their emissions in this area for a considerable period of time. Changing from mining coal in Canterbury may take some adaption but the time for fossil fuels is over and Ecan and the Dairy Industry must stick to the environmental policies that they rate so highly on their websites. Thank you for hearing my submission, yours sincerely, Monica (Richards)

## **Consent comment:**

I wish ECAN to oppose the Bathurst Coal Ltd application for the continuing of mining in Canterbury.