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

Reasons comment:

We are in the midst of the greatest economic challenge New Zealand has faced since the

Great Depression. Not allowing these environmental consents will put at risk good paying jobs in a number of areas, and will have worse environmental outcomes than if this coal mine expansion were allowed. If this Canterbury Coal Mine were not to be expanded, with the coal for use in domestic consumption largely by Synlait, the coal will have to be imported from elsewhere, most likely countries without such stringent environmental restrictions. The physical act of importing the coal will release more carbon into the atmosphere than simply transporting it within Canterbury, and that will have a detrimental impact on global climate, according to various studies and models on climate change. Halting economic development in any country also invariably leads to worse environmental outcomes - there is a strong correlation between wealth and a country's ability to invest in more sustainable and green outcomes. The irony of allowing a coal mine expansion is that Canterbury (and wider New Zealand) will be wealthier, and its citizens will be wealthier, allowing various people to spend more money on sustainable initiatives, which are always more expensive and with higher carbon emissions. The specific consents applied for will in my opinion have negligible impact on the local area. I have heard opposing reasons to be the potential impact on Canterbury mudfish in the area, but mudfish can be found throughout the district and should not take priority over Canterbrians' jobs in the current economic depression we are hurtling towards. Impact on climate change will be non-existent, if anything there will be fewer carbon emissions if we mine and consume our own coal from New Zealand, rather than importing it from other countries not beholden to the Resource Management Act. Impact on water availability and water quality will be negligible in my opinion, certainly far less than the impact that towns and cities and seagull colonies have on water quality around Canterbury.

Consent comment:

To approve the following resource consents: CRC184166 (earthworks), CRC200500 (dust), CRC201366 (surface water), CRC201367 (groundwater), CRC201368 (discharge water), CRC203016 (discharge residuals etc). I do not wish for any conditions to be attached to any consents.