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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: 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:

It is preposterous for Bathurst to apply to mine more coal in 2020, It is widely understood

that coal use must be phased out if we are to sustain hope of holding global heating to liveable levels. I do understand that in the strictest legal sense, this argument may not enter into the hearing on the issue. I regard this as a legal anomaly, soon to be corrected in Parliament. I strongly request ECan and Selwyn District Council to find a way to admit such arguments. In a climate emergency, in a situation of existential threat, in the name of common sense, surely there must be a way. I refute any argument that this extension of the coal mine is needed for the economic wellbeing of the region. Most of the coal is destined for use by Fonterra in drying milk. Fonterra is well aware that the public acceptability of coal in milk manufacture is rapidly dwindling; the company is slowly moving towards alternatives. Other milk companies are moving much faster (Synlait, Miraka). Alternatives such as wood biomass will create jobs in the region. Extension of the coal mine will retard this vital transition. Bathurst Company has a terrible reputation for protecting the environment from the toxic products of its activities. It is responsible for 27 infractions of regulations about toxic effluent, up until as recently as November 2019. The recency of this last infraction makes it very clear that Bathurst does not care about its damage to the environment and cannot be trusted to fulfil any commitments it makes on these issues. The impact on the local community with increased noise and dust will be negative for those who live in the area. Finally I wish to make an appeal at a more abstract level. Treasuring the beauty of the landscape is a value universally held, but we in Aotearoa are perhaps even more passionate about it. This coal mine is already a very ugly scar on a beautiful landscape. Please don't allow the scar to be worsened.

Consent comment:

To refuse all items in the application to extend Coalgate Mine.