Group ID: 542

Consent name: Bathurst Coal Limited

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

Name: Dr Jane Shearer

Care of: Jane Shearer

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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:

My training is as a coal scientist, my PhD was on the nature and utility of the coal at Ohai

Coalfield. However, as someone with a strong environmental interest and now a generalist scientist view, I believe the time of thermal coal is done in the interests of our planet and people. Coal is a prime source of greenhouse gas emissions. We think we have done it hard with COVID-19 lockdowns, that's nothing compared to what people will face with the changing climate due to increasing greenhouse gases. The use of coal to support further dairying activity is promoting additional unsustainable activity - we have reached peak dairy in New Zealand. Dairy requires high degrees of irrigation and fertilisation, all of which are coming at considerable cost to our environment and the environment of the source of the fertiliser. Bathurst is not a company I trust nor respect, based on their past actions. They have made geologists redundant for spurious reasons, tantamount to constructive dismissal. They repeatedly breach existing consents for discharge to local waterways, endangering the Canterbury mudfish. A company that does not respect environmental standards is not one we should be encouraging to expand. Bathurst have also ignored requests for information regarding the impact of noise, dust, pollution of local waterways, landscape effects and effects of the expansion on overall amenity values; Selwyn District Council considers these as being more than minor but Bathurst is not prepared to properly consider them?

Consent comment:

Do not approve any of the resource consents submitted by Bathurst Coal Ltd.