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To: <u>Hearings</u>
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**Subject:** Notifications Consent Submission: Group 542

**Date:** Monday, 18 May 2020 2:38:07 PM

Group ID: 542

Consent name: Bathurst Coal Limited

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

CRC203016, RC185622

Name: Emmaline Sibbald

Care of:

Mailing address 1:

Mailing address 2:

Suburb:

Town/City:

**Post-code:** 

Country:

**Mobile phone:** 

Work phone:

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Contact by email: Yes

Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: No

## 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:**

I am opposed to the Bathurst consents for the following reasons, Coal extraction, and the

burning of coal have a negative and damaging effect on the environment , and contribute to water and air pollution. With the ever increasing threats posed by climate change , New Zealand should be looking towards using green energy and not relying on using fossil fuels. Since Bathurst mines started operating in the Malvern Hills ,they have shown blatant disregard for the limits imposed on them in their previous resource consents. In 2017 Bathurst were served with 14 infringements for sediment runoff contaminating the Bush Gully Stream . They were later fined for 13 additional breaches , and in 2019 were convicted and fines \$18,000.00 by the environment court. This continued pollution to the environment , and the brazen way in which Bathurst continue to flout regulations , show Bathurst to be dishonest and untrustworthy in their practices. They have been operating since 2013 , without consents ,in regard to volume of coal and hours of operation. The fact that they act and then ask for retrospective consent shows that they place little importance on the resource consent process , and will continue to flout regulations.

## **Consent comment:**

I wish the consent authority to refuse consent for all the resource consent applications for Bathurst Mines in the Malvern Hills.