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Submission on Bathurst Resources Ltd's application to extend the Canterbury Coal Mine in the Malvern Hills

I'm strongly opposed to the expansion of this mine for the following reasons:

1. The mine is primarily used to supply dairy processing plants in Canterbury. Canterbury already has more dairy production than the area can sustain without doing further damage to our water and the environment generally. Fonterra etc should be reducing their operations, and therefore will require less energy to operate.
2. Climate science is clear that we can't afford to burn existing coal let alone be expanding the supply.
3. Expansion of the mine will further endanger the Kowaro (Canterbury Mudfish).
4. The expansion requires the removal of a small area of wetland vegetation, most of which has already been destroyed in Canterbury, as in the rest of the country. Because of this even small areas are important and need to be retained. Something is lost even when rehabilitation is attempted.

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