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Subject: HPE CM: Notifications Consent Submission: Group 542
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Group ID: 542

Consent name: Bathurst Coal Limited

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

Name: Rachel Smith

Care of:

Mailing address 1:

Mailing address 2:

Suburb:

Town/City:

Post-code:

Country:

Mobile phone:

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Email: :

Contact by email: No

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:

I oppose each application for resource consent, as well as the overall expansion of the

mine, because of the following: In 2019 Environment Canterbury committed to declaring and acting on a climate and ecological emergency. Expansion of this coalmine and its associated increase in carbon emissions goes directly against this. Currently the Resource Management Act does not allow 'climate impact' as grounds for refusing a consent. However, this RMA clause is being reviewed and is likely to be changed to be compatible with the Zero Carbon Act. The mine supports an unsustainable model of land-use with 90% of the low-grade coal produced going to Fonterra dairy factories. Their commercial model (the intensive production of low price/high volume commodities) harmful to the natural environment. Calls for a change to this model are growing steadily stronger and more mainstream. The current coalmine has had a negative impact on local environment and community, as well as the impact on indigenous species and cultural values, Selwyn District Council has identified the impact of noise and dust, pollution of local waterways, landscape effects and overall amenity values as being more than minor. Bathurst has also repeatedly failed to provide the required information on these issues. Bathurst have repeatedly breached their existing consents for discharge to local waterways that are the habitat of the endangered Canterbury mudfish. This shows a clear disregard for the local environment and biodiversity. I have no confidence they will not continue to do so. Lastly I oppose this coalmine because we collectively have a responsibility to make decisions that take into account future generations and the future of the planet. Your primary responsibility is to the health of your local population and whenua.

Consent comment:

To decline each application for resource consent, as well as the overall expansion of the mine.