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I oppose the application for an extension to the Bathhurst Mine for the following reasons:

1. The burning of fossil fuels has disastrous consequences for planet earth. In order to stop this, it is necessary to stop the extraction and supply of coal. Extending the damage caused by this mine by extending its area and time frame for operation would be to say that pollution of the planet is O.K.
2. Consenting this application would have a down stream effect in that it would extend the time for which two of our other unsustainable industrials (given their current coal consuming practices), Fonterra and Synlait. They could continue their carbon polluting operations with lessened pressure to change their ways. In other words granting this Bathhurst Mining application should be seen as only the start of a chain of other unsustainable industries, something much bigger than the application itself
3. The proposed mining extension would have a continued negative impact upon the local environment- discharge into waterways, wetland destruction, air pollution, riparian destruction etc.
4. Bathhurst Mining already has a sorry record of abusing consent requirements and should not be trusted to suddenly change its game.
5. Ecan, in 2019, declared a Climate Emergency. It would be the ultimate hypocrisy for it to now turn around and grant this application. It would also hugely undermine public confidence in Ecan's commitment to the policies it proclaims.
6. Bathhurst is a foreign company. Given the united stand our NZ government has taken to lower our carbon emissions, it would be wrong for Ecan to support a foreign company to thumb their nose at our NZ position.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit and oppose this application.
R.Neil Sutherland.