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Subject: 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: Grant Teesdale

Care of:

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Suburb:

Town/City:

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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:

Coal is the worst of all CO2 producing fuels – we must stop producing and using coal if

we are to bring emissions down in the near future. The low-grade bituminous coal from this mine is used locally for industrial heating, a use for which climate-friendly alternatives exist (and should actively be pursued). 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. In 2019 ECan committed to declaring and acting on a climate and ecological emergency. As elected representatives, your primary responsibility is to the health of your local population and their descendants. However, my primary reason for opposing all the consents applied for is the applicants disregard for environmental degradation and the threat to biodiversity that presents – Bathurst Resources have repeatedly breached their existing consents for discharge to local waterways that are the habitat of the endangered Canterbury Mudfish. It would be surprising if they changed their ways now, given the low margin and decreasing yield of their resource. Negative impact on local environment and community – as well as the impact on indigenous biodiversity and cultural values, Selwyn D.C's own Notification decision report identified the impact of noise and dust, pollution of local waterway, landscape effects and overall amenity values as being more than minor. Bathurst has also repeatedly failed to provide the required information on these issues. The consents, if granted, will provide little benefit for the local area, or for the nation as a whole, and will exert a considerable toll on the local environment.

Consent comment:

I wish the consent authority to reject the application for all of the listed consents.