## Group ID: 542

Consent name: Bathurst Coal Limited

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

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Is a trade competitor: No

**Directly affected:** Yes

## **Consent support/hearing details**

- CRC184166: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC200500: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201366: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201367: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201368: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC203016: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- RC185622: oppose | WANT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing

## **Reasons comment:**

There are alternative to this poor quality coal as a heat source. Burning coal alters our

climate in ways we don't understand, wiping out many species. We have no right to do so. The ecosystem of the nearby southern alps has already changed irreversably. Bathurst Coal has a track record of shareholder wealth destruction so that money they receive from exploiting NZ's national resource wealth and degrading our environment will likely be squandered. Bathurst Coal has a history of ignoring resource consents in the area, finding it easier to accept a paltry fine than comply with the law. The endangered mud fish is only becoming more endangered by this proposal. Fonterra's intensive dairying in Canterbury is degrading the water and I think maybe draining the aquifer? This is not sustainable either. Dairy farming is also a source of greenhouse gas. There are alternatives, it is economic insanity for NZ to trade it's pristine environments for low grade bulk commodities like milk powder. Fonterra also has a track record of shareholder wealth destruction, the money they receive for damaging our environment may be similary squandered.

## **Consent comment:**

Deny the application. Failing that make the license temporary i.e a year or two, just long enough for Fonterra to convert the boilers they shouldn't have built or scale back their dairying operations to a more sustainable level given the natural dry state of the canterbury plains.