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To Whom It May Concern:

I write this to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** any expansion by Bathurst Coal at their Malvern Hills coal mine.

The opposition is strongly backed with the science on environmental and climate change grounds.

1. Environmental concerns: Bathurst states they plan to remove wetland vegetation - this will further endanger the critical status of the local kowara (Canterbury Mudfish).

2. Climate Change concern: Bathurst states that 90% of their production goes to Fonterra - yet Fonterra has asserted that it will be changing its power source away from coal - so this premise for needed expansion to supply Fonterra is baseless.

Together these concerns of opposition highlight that instead of more coal and the destructive extractive processes on the environment, we need a just and eco-friendly approach to a Covid-19 recovery that supports workers and communities health and well-being in the long term, rather than corporate expansion and destructive coal mining on our treasured land.

Further, the continued use of coal to support intensive dairy farming will further pollute our drinking water and fresh-water quality in our rivers.

Burning ever more coal will only exacerbate attempts to minimise green house gas emissions, temperature rise, and climate change, which will negatively affect all future land productivity, ocean water quality, and health of our future generations of Cantabrians!

I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** plans for **BATHURST COAL** to **EXPAND** its **MINING** and **EARTHWORKS**

It is time to act now !!!

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