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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: Mark Watson

Care of:

Mailing address 1:

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Suburb:

Town/City:

Post-code:

Country:

Mobile phone:

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Contact by email: Yes

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:

Our planet faces a climate emergency because we humans are burning fossil fuels at an

alarming rate. We must all work together to dramatically reduce this burn rate. I understand that currently this is not legal grounds for refusing an application under the Resource Management Act, but we all have a duty to do what we can now for the sake of our grandchildren's future wellbeing. I echo the explanation provided in the Coal Action Network Aotearoa submission that there are good grounds for you to take this issue into consideration. In 2019 ECan recognised the current climate and ecological crisis, declared a climate emergency and agreed to act on it in all its activities. To now allow the expansion of coal mining in your rohe for another 20-30 years makes mockery of the intent of such a declaration. I urge you to consider ECan's role as the democratically elected representatives of the local population and your responsibility for protecting our people, our whenua and all other creatures within the rohe.ink not. We Most of Canterbury Coal Mine's coal is mostly used in local dairy factories for drying milk powder. We all now know that intensive dairy farming on Canterbury's alluvial plains has an enormous environmental cost, damaging or destroying the waterways and aquifers that we and our environment depend on. There are alternative energy options that may cost the dairy factories more dollars, but don't cost us the environment that we rely on. There is no justification for mining this coal and the mining should be phased out, not extended. Bathurst has a history of refusing to comply with resource consents – the company has a long history of discharge consent infraction. ECan's own website documents fines for 27 infractions against discharging mining effluent into the local waterways, the last such being November 2019. Selwyn DC has also served abatement notices against the company for consent infrIngements. We have no confidence that a company that yearly gets fined for consent breaches has any intention of respecting any future consent requirements. This alone should be sufficient grounds for not granting the consents. The Bathurst operation is a threat to the critically endangered Canterbury mudfish, whose habitat is now very restricted. The continual flouting of notices against discharging mining effluent into the mudfish habitat shows that this operator cannot be trusted to protect the environment they are working in and must not be allowed to continue their destruction.

Consent comment:

I oppose each application for resource consent, as well as the overall expansion of the mine. I ask that Bathurst's application for resource consents to enable it to extend its coal-mining operations at Canterbury Mines should not be approved. Please consider what you grandchildren will think in years to come about the decisions you make today.