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To: <u>Hearings</u>

Subject: Submission against Bathhurst Coal Ltd consents

Date: Friday, 15 May 2020 9:08:11 PM

To whom it may concern,

I write to submit against all of Bathhurst Coal Ltd's applications for resource consent to continue operating and expand the Canterbury Coal Mine.

I am very concerned about the destruction of natural habitat for native flora and fauna, the removal of carbon sequestering trees, the pollution of streams and wetlands, and the subsequent air pollution through burning of coal, that will be caused by this activity -not to mention the ugly scar on the land left my open cast mine operations.

If we are to have a hope of slowing climate change, we need to lead the way by keeping fossil fuels in the ground. If we are to preserve our natural ecosystems, we need to protect habitats and water quality.

This kind of activity is totally irresponsible given what we know from science and about climate change and biodiversity. We need to look to the future and invest in clean energy, not this kind of distruction.

Nga mihi, Hannah Wilson