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Dear ECAN,

As a resident of Canterbury and as a medical doctor I wish to make my voice heard. As a GP I believe that prevention is better than cure . The disease we are seeking to prevent as a society is irreversible climate change. We want our children to inherit a better, cleaner future. Coal is a major contributor to climate change as is extensive dairy farming . The coal from this mine is extensively used by Fonterra to produce its milk products in its factories. Whilst over reliance on dairy farming for the NZ economy is another matter, there are alternatives available for use as fuel by Fonterra. Electricity from renewable energy is abundant in the South Island of NZ and could be further expanded given the correct investment. The production of coal is polluting and Bathhurst mines have shown neglect in protecting native waterways in the past , endangering native species. The extension of Bathhurst mine is directly in contradiction to the NZ Government policy of becoming carbon neutral. Finally there is the destructive impact of this activity on the natural beauty of the environment to consider. COVID-19 has shown that a lower carbon future is possible. Let's avoid stepping back in time and seize the moment to say no to more coal now

Regards, Robin

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