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To Whom it May Concern

As a concerned citizen, mother and grandmother, I am horrified to hear that any district in the country is considering expanding the mining and processing of coal. There are a number of reasons to reject such a proposal: Fossil fuels need to be phased out, not increased to meet our obligations for reducing our carbon emissions. Mining is harmful to the local environment, including land and waterways. This particular company has been known to breach existing consents, so safe management of the accompanying waste and polluting byproducts cannot be guaranteed.

If Covid 19 has taught us anything, it is that we need to protect the nation's health and well-being. To forget to do so, comes at a very high cost.

Please vote for our future by opposing the Bathurst Coal proposal.

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