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Submission from :

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Applicant: Bathurst Coal Limited

C/- Edwina White.

Re: Bathurst Coal Ltd application to Environment Canterbury and Selwyn District Council for consents to continue operating and expand an open cast coal mine (known as Canterbury Coal Mine), including retrospective and future operation at Bush Gully Road, Malvern Hills, Selwyn.

I wish to be heard in support of this submission.

I would consider presenting a joint case at a hearing with others who have made similar submissions.

I oppose the application for the consent and strongly support the submissions made by Forest and Bird and Coal Action Network.

There are multiple reasons that the expansion of the coal mine must not be permitted to proceed, all well documented in the above submissions and for reasons including but not limited to; damage to the environment, damage to local ecosystems, effects on local communities, destruction of vegetation and natural habitats and many others. Please refer to the above submissions for further details on these points.

Perhaps the single overarching reason to oppose the expansion of the mine is a reason which should be enough on its own to put a halt to any further development. **This is the sheer lunacy of converting any more fossil fuel carbon to atmospheric carbon dioxide, given the scientific proof that we have already breached the maximum carrying capacity of carbon dioxide of Earth's atmosphere (without causing irrevocable and destructive change to our climate) .**

Bathurst coal, with their expansion plans for the mine would jeopardize the health and safety of not just New Zealanders. They contribute towards an ever increasing threat to all species on planet Earth that are vulnerable to extreme climate change.

It is utterly reckless of Bathurst coal to pursue the expansion of coal mining, a sunset industry, especially when carbon neutral alternatives are available.

The applications to expand the mine should be declined.

The application to continue operating should be permitted only at previously consented extraction limits for a limited period (maximum 10 years) on condition that Bathurst invests in the development of carbon-neutral technologies that enable it to transition out of coal mining at Coalgate by 2030.