

## Bathurst Coalmine Resource Consent Application Submission

I strongly oppose the granting of the Bathurst Resource Consent Applications.

Thermal coal is a major contributor to rising Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the warming of our planet. Next year legislation will be passed that requires climate change to be a considered in the resource consent process. The RMA should have been updated years ago to reflect our changing world incl. climate change. It makes no sense to support further coal use when we have other more sustainable options for thermal heating and when the world is currently divesting from coal. Environment Canterbury has declared a climate emergency, granting these consents is at odds with the climate action that is now required.

Granting these consents would be put endangered species further at risk. It damages the dug biodiversity and has a downstream effect on ecological biodiversity incl. The endangered mud fish.

Bathurst cannot be trusted to comply with consents. Judging by their track record it would be incredibly irresponsible to grant these consents when so much is at stake.

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.

For all these reasons, therefore, we argue that Bathurst's application for resource consents to enable it to extend its coal-mining operations at Canterbury Mines should not be approved.

I will speak to my submission.

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