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**Group ID: 542**

**Consent name:** Bathurst Coal Limited

**Consent number:** CRC184166, CRC200500, CRC201366, CRC201367, CRC201368, CRC203016, RC185622

**Name:** Carbon Neutral New Zealand Trust

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**Town/City:**

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**Country:**

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**Contact by email:** Yes

**Is a trade competitor:** No

**Directly affected:** Yes

**Consent support/hearing details**

- CRC184166: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC200500: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201366: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201367: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC201368: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- CRC203016: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing
- RC185622: oppose | NOT to be heard | will NOT consider joint hearing

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**Reasons comment:**

New Zealand has formally committed, through its first Nationally Determined

Contribution, under the Paris Climate Agreement to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030 and 50% by 2050 as part of the effort to limit global warming to under 1.5 degrees C. This application to expand Bathurst Resources Limited's existing open-cut coal mining operation near Coalgate, flies in the face of such a commitment and would significantly add to New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions through the : - mining process itself, - reduction of existing carbon sequestrating in wetlands, - transport of the coal from the mine to processing plants, - the burning of the coal in coal-fired boilers as the heat source to dry milk, and - encouragement, and possible expansion, of continuing dairying activities in Canterbury and surrounding districts which are directly responsible for greenhouse gas emissions through both enteric fermentation (associated with ruminant animals) and N<sub>2</sub>O emitted from soils (urine, dung and synthetic fertilisers). The application, if consented, will by removing existing wetlands and ground cover continue the process of degrading the quality of freshwater in Canterbury in its streams, rivers and aquifers through sediment runoff. In this century the quality of freshwater in Canterbury has been in continuous decline and any consent granted to Bathurst Resources Limited would add to the existing levels of deterioration. This application also is against the spirit of the recently passed Government's Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019) and Environment Canterbury's Declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019. If granted the public would become aware that government commitments at both the national and regional levels regarding the climate crisis are hollow and that economic factors, including profit-making by an overseas owned company, take precedence. Now is not the time to let go of the newly found resolve of government and councils to address the single biggest threat facing humankind. The granting of any consents requested in this application would demonstrate that New Zealand is not committed to transiting to a Low Emissions Economy as outlined in the New Zealand Productivity Commission's 2018 report. The granting of consent would also have the potential to harm New Zealand's reputation as a responsible farming leader addressing issues such as climate change and water quality. There could be adverse consumer reaction both domestically and internationally. It would be morally, ethnically and economically wrong to grant this application. It is imperative that Environment Canterbury and the Selwyn District Council shows leadership by declining this application.

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**Consent comment:**

Carbon Neutral New Zealand Trust opposes each of the resource consent applications made by Bathurst Resources Limited.