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**Group ID: 542**

**Consent name:** Bathurst Coal Limited

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

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**Care of:**

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**Suburb:**

**Town/City:**

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**Contact by email:** Yes

**Is a trade competitor:** No

**Directly affected:** No

**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:**

- Coal is a polluting fossil fuel and dying resource – we must stop producing and using

coal and move quickly to transition to more sustainable and climate-friendly alternatives if we are to bring emissions down. The value of coal has been falling year on year and the coal produced by this mine is low-grade and used locally. Currently the Resource Management Act does not allow 'climate impact' as grounds for refusing a consent. However, this RMA clause is being reviewed and is likely to be changed in line with the Zero Carbon Act. In 2019 ECan committed to declaring and acting on a climate and ecological emergency. Consenting to the extension would go against this commitment. - The mine supports an unsustainable model of land-use – as 90% of this low-grade coal goes to Fonterra dairy factories. Their intensive production model (low price/high volume commodities) relies heavily on irrigation, fertiliser use and livestock overstocking that is harmful to both the natural environment and human health. This model of farming is also a threat to New Zealand's food security. The area is naturally better suited to wheat and grain growing – these were once grown there but now have to be imported. - Disregard for environmental degradation and threat to biodiversity - Bathurst are on public record for repeatedly breached their existing consents for discharge to local waterways that are the habitat of the endangered Canterbury mudfish. How can a company that gets fined yearly for consent breaches have any intention of respecting any future consent requirements? I don't think they would. - Negative impact on local environment and community – as well as the impact on indigenous biodiversity such as the mudfish and cultural values, Selwyn District Council's own Notification Decision report identified the impact of noise and dust, pollution of local waterway, landscape effects and overall amenity values as being more than minor. Bathurst has also repeatedly failed to provide the required information on these issues.

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**Consent comment:**

For all the reasons listed above, I submit that Bathurst's application for resource consents to enable it to extend its coal-mining operations at Canterbury Mines should not be approved.