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Group ID: 542

Consent name: Bathurst Coal Limited

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

Name: Charles Deans

Care of:

Mailing address 1:

Mailing address 2:

Suburb:

Town/City:

Post-code:

Country:

Mobile phone:

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Contact by email: Yes

Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: No

Consent support/hearing details

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

Reasons comment:

I am a Mineral Permit Holder over some of the land yet to be mined. My great-grandfather

John Deans established the first coal mine in the area back in 1872, and I have no doubt he would be very pleased and proud that almost 150 years later coal is still being mined from the same seams that he found all those years ago, with mining being undertaken almost continuously during that long time. I have no doubt he would also be impressed with the professional way in which the current mining company, Bathurst, is extracting and processing the coal. And also impressed that around 50 local people are being employed in high paying jobs. And also that the mine was deemed to be an essential service during the recent Covid-19 lockdown. As a young boy in the early 1960's, I remember with excitement going down the shafts of the Nimmo brothers' mine on various occasions at the same site. And in 2010 I was shown around the early stages of the open cast mine when it was operated by Ken Shearer of Canterbury Coal Limited (CCL). However there is no comparison between the way these operators ran their businesses and the professional way that Bathurst operates the open cast mine today. I have been up there several times in the last few years, and each time have come away thinking how lucky the province is to have such a company acting so responsibly, and respectful of its neighbours, and of its obligations to the environment. All the senior Bathurst staff I have met have been well aware of the on-going need to comply with their consent requirements, to ensure that future consents will be able to be granted to mine the northern end of the seam. The Canterbury dairy farmers must be impressed that the energy needed to turn their milk into milk powder comes from a local source, rather than having to come from the other side of the Southern Alps, or worse still, from overseas. Yet the Synlait contract with Bathurst was not able to be renewed recently, not because of supply issues or overpricing, but because of transport issues, which surely should be able to be resolved. I look forward to being heard at the hearing.

Consent comment:

To grant the various consents.