

Submission from Dave Fitzjohn regarding all consent applications in regard to Bathurst Coal Limited for consents to expand and continue to mine the area known as Canterbury Coal Mine.

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I will be happy to talk at consent hearings.

This submission is requesting that ALL consent applications related to this project as I believe to be numbered:

CRC184166; CRC200500; CRC201366/7; CRC203016

BE REFUSED

Summary of this submission:

Granting consent for this expansion does not provide a sustainable addition to Selwyn's infrastructure. We are at a stage where we must transition away from old polluting products and production means for the sake of our well being and continued growth. Fonterra who are likely to be the main consumers of the output and other coal users such as Universities and schools have already committed to being coal free in the future. Increasing coal production is short sighted and our consenting bodies should be enabling transition processes not delaying them.

Consent is being requested to pollute land air and water in the catchment of the Te Waihora drainage system. This system and Lake Ellesmere is widely known (even internationally) to have suffered serious pollution through human activity. In the course of my work with Lincoln Envirotown Trust I have much contact with people and organisations which are dedicated to reducing such impacts and restoring a natural balance. It seems incongruous to me that whilst so much work is being done to clean up the lower reaches of the rivers and lake, resource consent is being sought to pollute the upper catchment.

The expectations of many people are that consenting bodies will not continue to endorse the "business as usual" approach which in the past has rarely acted to prevent large corporate organisations from continuing their environmentally damaging and unsustainable practices. There is an expectation that long term wellbeing and natural environments will get priority in future development decisions.

I am very grateful to have been afforded the opportunity to make this submission.