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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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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

Reasons comment:

I oppose these consent applications for these reasons: • Coal is the dirtiest of the fossil

fuels, and its use is inconsistent with our need to reduce New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions. This coal mine should be phased out, not expanded, especially since there are more climate-friendly alternatives available for the industrial heating that the low-grade coal from this mine is used for. • Bathurst has repeatedly demonstrated their contempt for existing resource consents. Both Environment Canterbury and Selwyn DC have documented many infringements, as recently as November of last year. I do not trust that they will honour future consent requirements either. • The low-grade coal mined supports a high-intensity model of dairy farming that is economically unsustainable and damaging to the environment. • The mine itself has a negative impact on the local community and environment, through noise, dust, waterway pollution, and degradation of the landscape. Although the Resource Management Act currently does not allow for taking climate impacts into consideration, that section of the RMA needs to change and is currently under review. In 2019 Environment Canterbury declared a climate and ecological emergency and announced their intention to act on it. For the central government to disregard their input as the representatives of the local population would be to subvert the democratic process.

Consent comment:

For the reasons stated, do not approve Bathurst's applications for resource consents that would let it extend its coal-mining operations at Canterbury Mines.