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**Group ID: 542**

**Consent name:** Bathurst Coal Limited

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

**Name:** Margaret Lovell-Smith

**Care of:** Margaret Lovell-Smith

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**Suburb:**

**Town/City:**

**Post-code:**

**Country:**

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**Contact by email:** Yes

**Is a trade competitor:** No

**Directly affected:** Yes

**Consent support/hearing details**

- CRC184166: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC200500: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC201366: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC201367: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC201368: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC203016: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- RC185622: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing

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**Reasons comment:**

1. Climate Change I am extremely concerned about the impact of climate change on the

world which our children and grandchildren will inherit. Our generation is bequeathing a degraded and dangerous environment to these future citizens. Over the past year we have witnessed devastating bush fires in Australia; damaging cyclonic storms on the West Coast; extreme, unheard of drought in several regions which are impacting on rural communities; a fresh water crisis in many parts of the country including the drinking supply of our largest city; erosion of properties in coastal communities which will only get worse with ongoing sea-level rise. All these events have been caused by changes in our weather patterns. Climate change is here! It's already having major impacts on our people, our communities and our economy and the science shows that as our world continues to warm, these impacts will become more damaging, costly and dangerous. It is well-established scientifically that if all the fossil fuels known about, were to be extracted and burnt, the level of carbon emissions in the atmosphere would rise to a level where run-away climate change is inevitable. This is a terrifying prospect, yet one which we and our children and grandchildren are currently facing. Coal is part of the problem and the only rational course of action is to keep coal in the ground and put alternative energy options in place. As a nation we have passed an Act of Parliament which pledges a significant reduction in carbon emissions, yet we are not presently on track to meet this target. Changes are necessary throughout society. I understand that climate change is not currently a legal ground for refusing an application under the Resource Management Act, but I would argue that because the Government has a process underway to bring the Resource Management Act into line with the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act of 2019, which sets a target of reducing all greenhouse gases (except biogenic methane) to zero by 2050, then refusing the application is the only reasonable option available. One year ago ECAN declared a climate change emergency and pledged that consideration of climate change would be at the heart of everything it does. To allow the expansion and continuation of coal mining in Canterbury is clearly contrary to this declaration. It is also contrary to New Zealand's global obligations: as a country we are pledged under the Paris Agreement to contribute to the limiting of the rise in the global average temperature to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. Allowing the expansion of coal-mining is also contrary to the 'Accelerated Electrification' report of New Zealand's Interim Climate Change Committee, released last July, which recommended that the Government strongly encourage the phase out of fossil fuels in process heat 'with the phase out of coal as a priority'. 2. The effect on the natural environment Canterbury's lowland rivers are already highly degraded which has affected our continued use and enjoyment of the Selwyn River. I am opposed to any disturbance of the streams and wetlands which will contribute to the further pollution or degradation of the Selwyn River. ECAN also has a duty to protect the habitat of native species including the endangered Canterbury mudfish, which is known to live in Bush Gully Stream.

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**Consent comment:**

Oppose all the consent applications from Bathurst Coal Ltd for the continuation and extension of coal-mining at Canterbury Coal Mine.