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To: [Hearings](#)
Subject: HPE CM: Darfield Coal Mine.
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Dear Sirs/ Madam,

I object to the plan for Bathurst Resources to expand their operations at their coal mine in Canterbury 20 K west of Darfield.

1 Open Cast mining is a blight on the landscape that society should not be made to endure. The devastation of the landscape is rarely made good, if ever properly at any such mining site anywhere regardless of so called controls. Its existence is only there to make money. If energy is required there are many more efficient and healthy alternative ways to provide it.

2 At a time when we are becoming more ware of the loss of habitat to so many species, many of which their survival being in a precarious position, it is important that we should not be contributing to an extension of this loss.

3 Coal mining and the use of the coal contributes to the damage sustained by the worlds atmosphere. It contributes to Global Warming. Scientific evidence confirms this. Scientific evidence is proven fact, not wishful thinking. Financial gain from such activity is made by few in society where as the adverse affects of such an operation are felt by all.

4 When making decisions on requests for the expansion and continuance of such outdated industries such as coal mining, the equal, or better than equal opportunity to develop an alternative should be explored. Alternative forms of energy production will be less damaging on the landscape, flora and fauna and natural wild life. It will also provide for work opportunities.

5 Since the Covid - 19 Lockdown there has been much favourable comment about the cleaning up of the atmosphere. People with chronic lung conditions have been confirming that they have noticed a marked improvement in their health during this time. So far this has not been scientifically proven but it should not go un-noticed. Continuing to plunder the atmosphere that keeps humanity alive through adding to pollution should not be supported.

Please do not vote in favour of approving any expansion to the Canterbury Coal Mine 20 K west of Darfield.

Yours faithfully,

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