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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept my submission below.

**I oppose these consent applications:**

**Coal kills the climate** – we must stop producing and using coal if we are to bring emissions down. The low-grade coal from this mine is used locally for industrial heating, a use for which climate-friendly alternatives exist. Currently the Resource Management Act does not allow ‘climate impact’ as grounds for refusing a consent. However, this RMA clause is being reviewed and is likely to be changed to be compatible with the Zero Carbon Act. In 2019 ECan committed to declaring and acting on a climate and ecological emergency. As elected representatives, your primary responsibility is to the health of your local population and whenua.

**The mine supports an unsustainable model of land-use** – 90% of this low-grade coal goes to Fonterra dairy factories. Their commercial model (the intensive production of low price/high volume commodities) requires a degree of irrigation, fertiliser use and livestock overstocking that is harmful to both the natural environment and human health. [Calls for a change](#) to this model are growing steadily stronger and more mainstream.

**Disregard for environmental degradation and threat to biodiversity** – Bathurst have [repeatedly breached](#) their existing consents for discharge to local waterways that are the habitat of the endangered Canterbury mudfish. We have no confidence they will not continue to do so.

**Negative impact on local environment and community** – as well as the impact on indigenous biodiversity and cultural values, Selwyn D.C’s own Notification decision [report](#) identified the impact of noise and dust, pollution of local waterway, landscape effects and overall amenity values as being more than minor. Bathurst has also repeatedly failed to provide the required information on these issues.

Kind regards,

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