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Subject: Notifications Consent Submission: Group 542
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Group ID: 542

Consent name: Bathurst Coal Limited

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

Name: Susan Phillips

Care of:

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Town/City:

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Contact by email: Yes

Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: Yes

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:

There is no need for new coal sources. This proposed new coal mine is already obsolete.

Coal is out-dated and kills the climate so you need to stop being part of the process re producing and using coal. The low-grade coal from this mine is used locally for industrial heating, a use for which climate-friendly alternatives exist. The Resource Management Act does not allow 'climate impact' as grounds for refusing a consent. BUT 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. This proposed mine would support an unsustainable model of land-use and 90 percent 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. This company shows a blatant disregard for environmental degradation and threats 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. This proposed coal mine would have a negative impact on local environment and community – as well as a negative 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 waterways, landscape effects and overall amenity values as being more than minor. Bathurst has also repeatedly failed to provide the required information on these issues. This is totally unacceptable and this consent should be denied.

Consent comment:

REJECT this consent application