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## Coalmines.

There is an ancient legend that the emperor Nero amused himself playing the violin while the

city of Rome burned before him.

Here in N.Z., 2000 years later, some go a step further and actively try to add fuel to the fire.

The planet is burning, due to increasing greenhouse gas emissions.

The scientific experts are in virtually unanimous agreement that the use of coal today is a complete

absurdity.

Yet, in Darfield N.Z. the owners of a local opencast coalmine are actively trying to increase production.

They should be stopped without question!

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