

Form 13

Submission on Application Concerning Resource Consent that is Subject to Public Notification by Consent Authority

Section 95A of the Resource Management Act 1991

TO: Selwyn District Council and Environment Canterbury
By email: submissions@selwyn.govt.nz and hearings@ecan.govt.nz

AND TO Bathurst Coal Ltd
By email

Name of Submitter:

1. Ken Shearer

Submission:

2. This is a submission on the following applications by Bathurst Coal Limited (**Applicant**) for resource consents to continue operating and expand the Canterbury Coal Mine at Bush Gully Road, Malvern Hills, in the Selwyn District (**Applications**):
 - (a) RC185622 – to expand Canterbury Coal Mine, retrospective and future;
 - (b) CRC184166 – to undertake earthworks in the high soil erosion risk area, and earthworks and vegetation clearance in riparian margins, including the removal of wetland vegetation;
 - (c) CRC200500 – to discharge contaminants to air (fugitive dust) from within the mine operations area;
 - (d) CRC201366 – to take surface water from artificial ponds, to divert surface run-off resulting in changes to sub-catchment boundaries and to store water in artificial ponds;
 - (e) CRC201367 – to take groundwater (via drainage systems);
 - (f) CRC201368 – to discharge sediment and mine influenced water, drainage water and residual contaminants from the treatment of water, to Tara Stream/Wetland; and
 - (g) CRC203016 – to discharge coal combustion residuals, lime products and mussel shells to land and to water (artificial watercourses).

Trade competition:

3. The Submitter is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**Act**).

The specific parts of the Applications that this submission relates to are:

4. All of the Applications.

This submission is:

5. In **support** of the Applications.

The Reasons for Supporting the Application are:

6. The Submitter was the previous director of Canterbury Coal Ltd.
7. The Submitter supports the Application for the specific reasons set out below.
 - (a) In light of the recent Covid 19 crisis, it should bring home to all New Zealanders, especial politicians and policy makers that the NZ economy will no longer be driven by Tourism as the no 1 driver, but will revert back to the primary industries which Canterbury Coal supports to drive this economy out of future debt that this crisis will cause.
 - (b) The Canterbury Coal Mine is a long-standing existing activity in the Selwyn District producing a high-quality low emission thermal coal;
 - (c) It is a major local employer and makes a significant contribution to the local and national economies;
 - (d) It supplies coal to several major agricultural businesses and plays an important part in the domestic supply chain;
 - (e) The Applicant is a well-established mine operator across New Zealand;
 - (f) There are a range of existing resource consents in place for the Canterbury Coal Mine that authorise a substantial baseline of effects;
 - (g) The additional adverse effects as a result of the Applications are appropriate in this location;
 - (h) The Applications are consistent with the relevant provisions in the applicable regional and district planning documents; and
 - (i) The Applications represent sustainable management as they enable an existing mining operation to continue in an environmentally appropriate way.]

The Submitter seeks the following decisions from the consent authorities:

8. That the Applications be granted with achievable conditions.

The Submitter wishes to be heard in support of its submission.

The Submitter requests pursuant to section 100A of the Act, that you delegate your functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.

Ken Shearer

Date: 5th May 2020

Address for Service of Submitter:

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