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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: Brian Thompson

Care of: Davey Helen

Mailing address 1:

Mailing address 2:

Suburb:

Town/City:

Post-code

Country:

Mobile phone:

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Contact by email: Yes

Is a trade competitor: No

Directly affected: Yes

Consent support/hearing details

- CRC184166: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC200500: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC201366: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC201367: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC201368: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- CRC203016: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing
- RC185622: oppose | WANT to be heard | WILL consider a joint hearing

Reasons comment:

In 1993 my wife and I bought Hartley Hills farm which adjoins Matariki forest on the

Northern edge of Bush Gully. Some of the most attractive features which we liked about Hartley Hills were the wonderful views from Cairn Ridge and the quietness and solitude of being able to go for a hunt in the evenings or just watch the sunset. These aspects of our property and the ability to enjoy the peace and quiet natural environment have now gone. A few years after moving to Hartley Hills we received a letter asking for our opinions and objections to the reopening of an opencast mine in Bush Gully. At that time we did not object as it appeared that the operation was to be small and unobtrusive. We were wrong. This originally small and unobtrusive operation has surrepticiously expanded its operation over the years with no further opportunity for public consultation. It appears that all consents to expand were either non-notified or non-existent. The top ridge of our farm looks across Bush Gully stream directly into the mine workings and the light and noise pollution when night shifts are working is horrendous. Vehicles rushing around the site, tooting their horns regularly, beeping when backing up etc., and powerful lights lighting up the whole valley. This activity has completely destroyed some of the most attractive features of our farm. I am 74 years old now and do not wish to spend the rest of my days without being able to enjoy these basic rights because of the actions of a neighbour. We would have objected to this mine when first consulted if we had known what was about to happen. We have farmed our property conservatively over the years and have spent considerable time and money fencing three areas for mudfish and about 4 ha for native remnant bush regeneration. Some of this was done with assistance from Ecan and SDC. I really don't know why we bother. When we look across the valley and see what Bathurst have done, stripping the land of both flora and fauna it really saddens us. Bathurst has a history of noncompliance with the conditions granted in their consents and should not be allowed to continue the consents they already have let alone be granted further consents to expand the boundaries of their damage. The use of fossil fuels is not acceptable in this modern day and the opening of new mines in particular should be forbidden esp. when the current mine owners have proven to be unable or unwilling to comply with the conditions of their consents. I oppose the granting of the further consents requested by Bathurst and request that current consents issued without public notification be withdrawn at a rate to allow Bathurst to close its operation over a period of a few years; In early 2019 the Canterbury Coal Mine apparently consulted with affected parties regarding vehicle movements on Bush Gully road and Malvern Hills road. This resulted in 6 affected parties on these roads signing "Written Approvals" for the new resource consent applications. I have read that SDC does not accept these approvals for various reasons and I would like to reserve the right to talk further on this matter at the hearing. I believe that the increase in trucking movements will only exacerbate the current nuisance values we are experiencing with regard to noise pollution and light pollution.

Consent comment:

Refuse to grant any new consents to the Bathurst operation in Bush Gully.