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I oppose these consent applications, for several cogent reasons:

Coal effectively alters and eventually 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.

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 that of our whenua.

The mine supports an unsustainable model of land-use – 90% of this low-grade coal goes to Fonterra dairy factories. It is hardly moral to put business over other interests.

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. Also may other organisms.

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 species and cultural values, Selwyn District Council has identified the impact of noise and dust, (machinery, trucks, etc.,) inevitable pollution of local waterways, landscape effects which are detrimental to the overall environment and overall amenity values as being more than minor.

Bathurst has also repeatedly failed to provide the required information (to Councils) on these issues.

Kia kaha
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