

**Before a Hearings Panel Appointed by the
Selwyn District Council and Canterbury Regional Council**

Under

the Resource Management Act 1991
(Act)

And

In the Matter

an application under section 88 of the
Act by Bathurst Coal Limited in
relation to the completion of mining
and closure and rehabilitation of the
Canterbury Coal Mine in the Malvern
Hills, Canterbury

**Summary Statement of
Frank Boffa (Landscape)
for Bathurst Coal Limited**

Dated: 26 October 2021

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INTRODUCTION

1. My full name is Frank Boffa.
2. I have the qualifications and experience set out at paragraphs 2 - 3 of my statement of evidence dated 1 October 2021.
3. I reconfirm that I have read and agree to comply with the Code of Conduct for Expert Witnesses in the Environment Court Practice Note 2014.
4. In this statement, I provide a summary of the key points in my evidence and respond to the evidence provided for the Council which I have read.

KEY POINTS

5. The scope of my engagement by BCL, was to review the Closure Plan for the Canterbury Coal Mine (**CCM**) and in particular the nature and form of the final landforms.
6. The CCM site does not form part of any identified Natural Features or Landscape, Visual Amenity Landscape, or Protected View Area.
7. I agree with and support the Closure Plan objectives that both BCL and the Selwyn District Council (**SDC**) are seeking to achieve.
8. The SDC's landscape expectations and requirements for the closure landforms in terms of leaving reasonably naturalised and aesthetic landforms have in my opinion, been met.
9. Finally, I consider that the result of the recent and ongoing rehabilitation works will be a proposal with low landscape and visual effects. I also consider that, within a period of around 3 – 5 years, the landscape visual effects in the overall context of the site will be relatively insignificant.
10. I consider all submissions made in response to landscape and visual matters have been adequately addressed by and within the Closure Plan proposed.
11. I have read the SDC Section 42A report dated 24 September 2021 and the report by Mr Densem at attachment 5 of the 42A report. I am in general agreement with the analysis and conclusions. I also support the intent of his suggested amendment to Condition 30 (previously condition 21) as

proposed by SDC, which requires that the grading of the rehabilitated area be graded in accordance with the contours outlined in the Closure Landform Plan.

12. In the context of the mine site, 'natural character' in terms of the Resource Management Act 1991, relates more to the ecological processes of streams and wetlands.¹ Accordingly, I defer to the evidence of Dr Gary Bramley, Dr Kristy Hogsden and Dr James Griffiths in relation to the impact of the proposal on the relevant waterbodies and associated ecology.



Frank Boffa

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¹ Section 42A Officers Report of Adele Dawson, at [505].

