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New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association (NZFWDA)

Dear Steve

Buller Plateaux Continuation Project – Managed Access Proposal

Bathurst Resources Limited (BRL) is seeking authorisation under the FTAA to continue mining the coal resources on the Buller Coal Plateaux. The project is targeting approximately 20 million tonnes of coking quality coal suitable for the export market which will provide a mine life of approximately 25 years. The project area includes the:

- Stockton Plateau (Stockton Mine; Mt Fred South; Upper Waimangaroa Haul Road; and Cypress Mine); and
- Denniston Plateau (Escarpment Extension and the southern end of the Upper Waimangaroa Haul Road).

If approved the Project will:

- utilise the same mining methods and maintain coal production at similar rates;
- continue to use our existing Stockton coal handling preparation plant and logistics infrastructure, including Ngakawau load out facility;
- continue to make a significant social and economic contribution to Westport, the West Coast region and the New Zealand economy for a further 25 years.

Various effects assessments are nearing completion and consultation with iwi, government agencies, utility providers, peak bodies, community groups and interested parties has been undertaken, and will be ongoing.

Access and Utilisation

The proposed mining activities will impede public access in two areas.

- Mt Rochfort Road will now run through an active mining site meaning unrestricted public access will be affected and restricting access to Mt Rochfort.
- Some areas of the proposed UWHR will run along the existing public track alignment therefore affecting public access from near Burnetts Face through to Mackley Track (approx. 4klm).

Four Wheel Drive Access

Engagement with the NZFWDA and individual interested enthusiasts has been ongoing since early 2025. Discussions to date have been frank and pragmatic with all interested parties seeking to ensure areas remain accessible. The following is proposed as a base case for access.

General principles:

- Bathurst and the NZFWDA develop a Managed Access Protocol along the line of the Macetown access protocol.
 - Access to UWHR to Mackley Track to be maintained throughout the LoM.
 - Recreation 4WD access to both areas to be via a specified number of days per month / annually, with the ability to apply for additional days for specific events – for both the public and club members.
 - Bathurst to advise operational down time (for planned maintenance or other reason) allowing for access.
 - Access will be via established meeting point with access restricted to specified area of the haul road.
 - Access is subject to further review once operational requirements are understood.

Communication

- Bathurst and the NZFWDA (and representatives from affiliated clubs) are represented on the proposed Recreation User Group.
- Web based comms are established via a stand-alone website (with link / portal to each Clubs respective website) to provide:
 - up-to-date access opportunities,
 - information on how to book access on specified days,
 - how to request access on non-specified days, and
 - other matters as necessary to facilitate access.

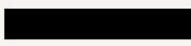
Access to Mt Rochfort

Access to Mt Rochfort will require travelling through an active mine site and therefore subject to a range of statutory health and safety requirements including site induction and mine spec. 4WD vehicle. Further discussion regarding access arrangements is required.

Access to areas outside of the BPCP

- In partnership with four wheel drive enthusiasts and land owners (DOC and LINZ) there is an opportunity to develop an on-line resource and wayfinding signage with information about remaining four wheel drive opportunities. This could be facilitated by the Recreation User Group and be inclusive of all recreation activities across the Plateaux.

Conclusion

BRL are seeking in principal support of the proposed access protocol with a view of ongoing engagement to develop a Managed Access Protocol as described above. If this proposal is suitable to you, please sign and return this letter at your convenience. In the meantime, please contact  (Group Manager Community) with any comments and questions that arise from the above.



Group Manager Community

I / we being authorised members of the New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association will engage with BRL to develop a Managed Access Protocol aiming to facilitate access to areas affected by the BPCP.

Signed:   National President. NZFWDA Inc.

Date: 6th June 2026