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## COMMENCEMENT OF RESOURCE CONSENT MEDIATION

Bathurst Resources Ltd (ASX & NZX: BTU) is pleased to advise that arrangements have been made for mediation with the Fairdown-Whareatea Residents Association Incorporated ("the Residents"). The mediation will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011 in Westport.

The mediation process is in relation to the appeal by the Residents against the resource consents granted in August for the Escarpment mine and associated infrastructure and in particular the coal handling facility at Fairdown. A Court appointed independent mediator will facilitate the mediation process. The matters discussed at mediation are required to remain confidential between Bathurst and the Residents although any agreed outcomes will be advised.

On behalf of Bathurst Resources Ltd

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hamish Bohannan', written over a light grey circular background.

Hamish Bohannan  
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