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BATHURST TO CONTEST APPEAL OF CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION

Bathurst Resources Ltd (ASX & NZX: BTU) was notified today that Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society (**Royal Forest & Bird**) have lodged an appeal against the Environment Court's recent climate change declaration.

On 1 May 2012, Bathurst announced that acting Principal Environment Court Judge LJ Newhook made the declaration sought by Bathurst's wholly owned subsidiary, Buller Coal Ltd, that climate change is not a relevant factor to be considered by local councils in determining whether or not to grant resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991 (NZ).

Bathurst will contest Royal Forest & Bird's appeal and remains confident that Judge LJ Newhook's declaration will be upheld.

Commenting on the appeal, Bathurst's Chief Operating Officer Mr Richard Tacon stated: *"Naturally we are disappointed by Royal Forest & Bird's decision to lodge a further appeal. However, Bathurst remains committed to the Escarpment Mine Project which is expected to provide 225 new direct jobs on the West Coast and inject about \$1 billion into the New Zealand economy over six years."*

On behalf of Bathurst Resources Ltd

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Manners', written over a light grey circular background.

Tim Manners
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