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ENVIRONMENT COURT RELEASES APPEAL TIMETABLE: HEARING DATE SET FOR OCTOBER 2012

Bathurst Resources Ltd (ASX & NZX: BTU) has been notified that the Environment Court has delivered a timetable for the hearing of the appeals against the resource consents for the Escarpment Mine Project granted to Bathurst in August 2011. The timetable states that the hearing date will be in October 2012.

Pursuant to the timetable:

- Buller Coal, Bathurst's wholly owned subsidiary, will have served its evidence by 18 June 2012;
- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand and West Coast Environmental Network will serve its evidence by 20 August 2012;
- the process will then go through caucus of experts from 21 August 2012 to 17 September 2012, which is expected to narrow the issues to be determined in the hearing;
- Buller Coal will serve any evidence in reply by 24 September 2012; and
- the hearing of the appeal will take place in mid to late October 2012.

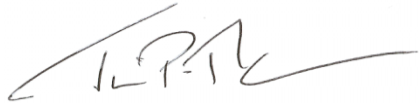
Royal Forest & Bird's and West Coast Environmental Network's appeals against the climate change declaration made in Bathurst's favour by acting Principal Environment Court Judge LJ Newhook on 1 May 2012 will continue concurrently alongside the timetable.

Commenting on the appeal, Bathurst's Managing Director Mr Hamish Bohannan stated:

"Bathurst is pleased that the Environment Court has determined a timetable for the hearing of the appeal. We are now preparing for the hearing in the fourth quarter of this year. This is a significant step forward for 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."

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