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HIGH COURT HEARING DATE ANNOUNCED FOR CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION APPEAL

Bathurst Resources Ltd (ASX & NZX: BTU) is pleased to announce that the hearing of the appeal against the climate change declaration made in Bathurst's favour on 1 May 2012 will be heard in the High Court on 30 July 2012.

Buller Coal Limited, Bathurst's wholly owned subsidiary, made an application to the High Court seeking the transfer of the climate change appeals directly to the Court of Appeal, bypassing a hearing in the High Court. Bathurst's reason for seeking the transfer was to avoid potential significant delays in obtaining a hearing date before the High Court.

Whilst Bathurst is disappointed that the climate change appeals will not proceed directly to a hearing in the Court of Appeal, Bathurst welcomes the expeditious timing of the High Court hearing. Bathurst is now finalising its preparations for the hearing.

The climate change declaration appeal does not affect the timing of the Environment Court hearing of the primary appeal against the resource consents which will commence on 29 October 2012.

On behalf of Bathurst Resources Ltd

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura McMahon Blechynden'.

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