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Dear editor,

Re: Ktunaxa slam federal decision on Kootenay River pollution referral.

We wish to provide some context to your recent article. Teck is committed to protecting water quality in the Elk Valley and we have made significant progress implementing the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan. We now have three water treatment facilities operating which are removing about 95% of selenium from treated water. Water quality is improving, and more water treatment facilities are being built which will further improve water quality.

We have invested \$1.2 billion so far on water quality improvements and plan to invest a further \$750 million. Later this year we will have four times the water treatment capacity we did in 2020 and expect to achieve the important objective of stabilizing and reducing the selenium trend across the Elk Valley.

More information on the Elk Valley Water Quality Plan can be found here:

<https://www.teck.com/sustainability/sustainability-topics/water/water-quality-in-the-elk-valley/>

Regards

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