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Dear Minister Dabrusin:

I am writing as a resident of B.C. in support of Wildsight's request under Canada's *Impact Assessment Act* for an independent panel of experts to review the Fording River Extension, which, if approved, would lead to an expansion of Canada's largest metallurgical coal site by more than a third.

Such an application reflects the lack of trust in an existing provincial government agency assessment process that has resulted in water pollution from existing Elk Valley coal mines still exceeding existing aquatic life standards by more than 30 times, with contaminants that will persist in B.C. rivers for decades, if not centuries. And that pollution is, I understand, in spite of penalties of some \$80 million in the past five years, including record-breaking fines under the Fisheries Act and continued serious concerns expressed by the Ktunaxa Nation.

Clearly, the provincial process of assessment is inadequate and an independent assessment called for from the federal government.

Sincerely,
Susan Chapman