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**CAMPBELL GOVERNMENT TO BLAME FOR BED CUTS IN PORT HARDY, SAYS NDP**

**CAMPBELL RIVER**— The Campbell government is to blame for the Vancouver Island Health Authority pulling the plug on plans for 11 new residential care beds in Port Hardy, the New Democrats said today.

“These beds were the only new long-term care beds north of Campbell River. Now they are on hold indefinitely because the Campbell government has failed to provide the necessary funds,” said North Island MLA Claire Trevena.

“It’s another promise broken to the people of the North Island.”

A VIHA memo from last week obtained by the NDP states that plans to build 11 care beds in the Mt. Waddington Local Health Area are being cancelled due to lack of funding.

“The Campbell government knows there is a critical bed shortage on Vancouver Island, and yet they refuse to provide health authorities with the budget and the resources they need to manage demands in our health care system,” said New Democrat health critic Adrian Dix.

“The result is more bed cuts and reduced service for patients.”

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