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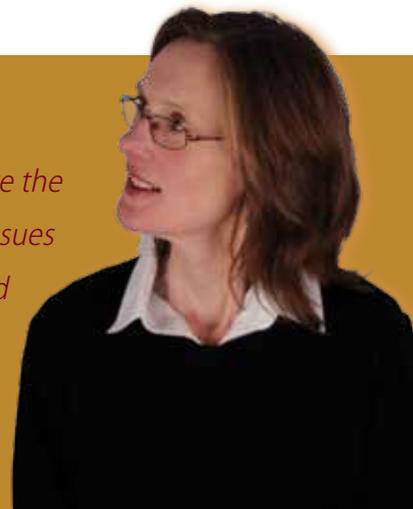
**WE NEED TO WORK**  
*together to develop a  
vision for our North  
Island communities  
which embraces  
environmental,  
economic and  
social health. It's  
for our future and  
our communities'  
future.*

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**AS YOUR MLA IT IS A PRIVILEGE** to take your concerns to Victoria; I am committed to ensuring that all residents of the North Island are heard and are represented in our Legislature. And when I'm in Victoria I have a great staff team in the constituency ready to help you with your questions.

*Making sure the  
concerns and issues  
of the North Island  
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**OUR FORESTS ARE THE BACKBONE** of the North Island. Our communities depend on them: we hike, camp and hunt in them; we kayak through their magnificence; and, we harvest them.

## Forests

They are our **environmental core** and a central economic resource.

This is why we need to have a comprehensive plan for our forest land base that accommodates these different needs. We must ensure we use and develop these largely crown lands in the best interest of our communities.

This means examining tenure to bring local control to communities, not just corporations. It means ensuring harvesting and manufacturing are linked. It means realizing that sometimes more value can be earned by leaving trees standing than logging them.

We need to embrace a vision which will allow our forests to sustain us and the many generations that follow us.



**THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LIVE** and work in ferry dependent communities. Like people living elsewhere in BC, they should be able to travel without having to pay massive tolls.

## Ferries

Ferries are part of our **highway** system. They are vital for the health, welfare and economic well-being of many North Island communities. It's past time that BC Ferries – and the government – recognize that fact; and instead of gouging ferry users, concentrate on ensuring our Island communities stay viable.



*It's a pleasure to work for everyone in the North Island to build communities in which we want to live, work and raise our families. Young or old, unemployed or working, everyone has a contribution to make to our society; and I'm always willing to listen.*

**A GOOD EDUCATION SYSTEM** provides opportunity and keeps our communities vibrant. It attracts families and encourages them to stay – and that is vital for **economic regeneration.**

## Education

But School Boards 72, 84 and 85 have to deal with the government funding formula that's based on the number of students in a district. So rural schools inevitably get less because they have fewer students. In addition, the government has downloaded a variety of costs on school boards meaning even less money goes into the classroom.

We must change the funding formula to make sure students who live in the North Island get equality of opportunity from the day they start school until the day they graduate.

**CLOSED EMERGENCY ROOMS**, cancelled surgeries and the continuing debate about building our new regional hospital in Campbell River increase the vulnerability of North Islanders.

## Health care

That's why I continue to fight for our new hospital – and call for it to be a **publicly funded** building. It's why I'm insisting the government make keeping emergency rooms open a top priority. It's why we have to look at different ways of providing care in rural communities, such as home support and nurse practitioners.