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## Opposition Leader Blames Province for Lack of Progress on Airstrip



The Opposition Leader is alleging that an unhealthy federal-provincial relationship has hampered progress on development of a proposed regional airstrip in southern Labrador. Yvonne Jones says an assessment report was prepared for the province over four years ago on the infrastructure needs of a regional airport facility at Port Hope Simpson. She says it would replace three gravel air strips at Mary's Harbour, Charlottetown and St. Lewis, and serve as the primary air access to the local region. Jones says the federal government has now confirmed the province failed to submit a detailed proposal outlining its position and commitment on

this issue. Jones says the federal minister responsible has indicated the project has not been on the priority infrastructure list for the province. Jones calls that disgraceful and says the province has not given the issue the high priority it deserves. She says as a result people in the area have to contend daily with a poor and unreliable air service.