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Jones Calls for Help for Manufacturers



Opposition Leader Yvonne Jones says the province is doing little to protect the long-term future of manufacturing operations, such as Sutreen Hardwoods in Eastport. Jones says currently Sutreen is forced to import 80 per cent of their wood supply to manufacture cabinets, mouldings and hardwood flooring. With timber rights returning to the province now that the AbitibiBowater mill has closed, she says wood supplies are available that could secure the future of the company. Jones says government is going to have to get serious about growing local manufacturing operations in rural areas and help such companies overcome business challenges.