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BC Health Coalition suspicious of Liberal government "conversation"

The co-chair of the BC Health Coalition is concerned that the Liberal's "conversation on health" will simply try to convince the public to support the government's agenda for private health care rather than really look at enhancing public health care and medicare.

Joyce Jones says "We don't really trust this process because it appears that the Premier has already decided that we can't afford our public health care system and he intends to shape the debate around that view.

"It's hard to believe that it will be an honest and full conversation because on the one hand he says he wants to talk to average folks, but on the other hand average people have been speaking out about their desire for the government to stop cuts to home support and other cost efficient public solutions, and they feel ignored by the government."

Jones says, "We've had hundreds of letters from people all over BC this summer saying that they want a real dialogue about the future of public health care. Yet all they seem to be getting from the government is a doom and gloom approach that necessitates the sell off of health care to for-profit operators and investors.

It's troubling and tragic really; that millions of dollars of our health care budget would be spent on what appears to be a tainted public relations exercise."

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