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STELLALANDER-BRAY: The Democratic Alliance (DA) in the North West has called on provincial authorities to urgently address severe road damage leading to the Bray Community Health Centre (CHC), which has left the facility virtually inaccessible to the community it serves.

Following an oversight visit, the DA found that the main gravel access road to the CHC has deteriorated to the point where it is impassable for low-clearance vehicles. The main entrance to the facility is also blocked by a deep, unfenced trench, posing a serious safety risk to patients, staff, and emergency services (EMS). In response, the DA will be submitting formal questions to Health MEC Sello Lehari and Public Works and Roads MEC Elizabeth Mokuu, seeking clarity on the condition of the road, the duration of the damage, and what funds have been allocated for repairs. The party is also demanding details on how the two departments are coordinating efforts to ensure continued access for EMS vehicles and patient transport services. "These unsafe conditions place lives at risk and violate residents' basic right to healthcare," said van Huyssteen. "We want to know why this has been allowed to deteriorate to such an extent, and when the provincial government plans to act." The DA has called for immediate rehabilitation of the road and closer interdepartmental cooperation to prevent further disruptions to essential health services. "Access to safe, dignified healthcare is not a privilege, it's a constitutional right," van Huyssteen added. "The DA will continue to hold the provincial government accountable to ensure that residents of Bray and across the North West are not denied this fundamental right due to neglect and poor infrastructure."