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Celebrating Our Working Forests

Tasmania's forest industry is internationally recognised for being well-managed and ecologically sustainable, with our forest practices system ranked as one of the most effective globally.

Today, on the International Day of Forests, we celebrate our working forests and those who work in them.

This year we will also mark 30 years since the appointment of the first Chief Forest Practices Officer in Tasmania and the publication of the Forest Practices Code.

Helping Tasmania to lead the nation in forest management, the Forest Practices Authority remains a one-stop shop for social, economic and environmental management of forest operations.

In his review of our Regional Forest Agreement, tabled in the Australian Parliament in December 2015, Glen Kile, a highly-respected former chief of the Forestry Division of the CSIRO, gave a positive report of our forest management practices.

Dr Kile highlighted that there is a comprehensive, ecologically sustainable forest management system in place in Tasmania, and noted that our forest practices system in our State is ranked as one of the most effective globally.

The Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to our growing, sustainable forest industry and the many Tasmanians whose jobs depend on the sector, particularly in our regional communities.

That's why we have torn up the job-destroying Labor-Green forest agreement and are working to unlock our Future Potential Productive Forests earlier.

We can – and will – continue to grow the industry, creating more jobs while maintaining our internationally-recognised forest practices system.