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Game changing \$190m mill to create over 200 jobs in Burnie

Premier Will Hodgman

Resources Minister Guy Barnett

A new \$190 million hardwood mill plant, creating 221 jobs, will be built at Burnie as a result of a decision taken by the Hodgman majority Liberal Government.

“This will be an absolute game-changer for Tasmania’s North-West and North”, Premier Will Hodgman said.

“The new facility will be Australia’s largest plantation-based hardwood mill and the first ever hardwood cross-laminated production plant.

“This is an innovative project which will process Tasmanian plantation timber into high-value products.

“We have worked closely with the Hermal Group to secure this exciting opportunity for Burnie.

“In addition to the 221 new jobs at the plant, a further 160 jobs will be created during construction and thousands of indirect jobs in the forest industry,

transport, engineering and construction.”

Resources Minister Guy Barnett said the mill was exactly the type of job-creating development Burnie and the North-West needed.

“The majority of timber supply will be sourced from Forico plantations in the North-West and North but it is expected there will also be opportunities for smaller Tasmanian private forest growers and farmers.

“In total, the mill and production plant will represent a \$190 million investment.

“The Government has agreed to provide \$13 million in grant and training support on the recommendation of the Tasmanian Development Board. A loan of up to \$30 million will also be available.

“The final decision to support the development was taken last week by the Government, prior to the election being called.”

Minister Barnett said a re-elected majority Liberal Government would continue to grow the timber industry to create jobs around regional Tasmania.

“We have a target to double the value of the forest, fine timber and wood fibre industry value-add to \$1.2 billion by 2036 and this development will make a major contribution to achieving this target.”
