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Guy Barnett, Minister for Resources

## Search party for Labor's forestry position moves to New Norfolk

Today's Labor Party forum in New Norfolk is a chance for Bryan Green to put his position on forestry clearly on the record.

For the last few weeks, Mr Green and Labor have been trying to avoid the forestry issue and have refused to state what their policy is, or even if they have one.

Our Plan has received broad support from the industry, and even former Labor Minister and recent Labor candidate, Julian Amos, says the policy is "a package worthy of support".\*

Forestry is one of the key industries in the Derwent Valley and the area was one of the hardest hit by the Labor-Green Government's so-called forestry 'peace deal'. Two out of every three forestry jobs disappeared under the Labor-Green Government and it has taken the Hodgman Government two and a half years to rebuild the industry and bring back forestry jobs to regional Tasmania.

The Hodgman Government has outlined a clear plan for the forestry industry that will create jobs in regional areas like the Derwent Valley, grow the forestry sector around the State, put the industry back on a sustainable path and remove public subsidies for the industry that could be better used to provide frontline services like health, education and public safety.

The people of the Derwent Valley should ask Labor if they will stand shoulder to shoulder with us and regional Tasmania and support our plan, or if they will continue to side with the anti-forestry Greens.

\*Julian Amos newsletter 1625, 28/10/16

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