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Never been a better time to plant trees

The Australian and Tasmanian Governments are the strongest supporters of both our agriculture and forestry sectors that are cornerstones of our economy, creating jobs and economic growth right across the State.

The Landscape Demonstration Site Program launched today, will help plant 212 hectares of shelterbelts and woodlots on seven Tasmanian farms over the next year.

Tasmanian Minister for Resources Guy Barnett said the \$600,000 initiative is jointly funded by the Australian and Tasmanian Governments through Private Forests Tasmania.

“This initiative is great news for our farmers and primary producers because it will allow them to integrate trees into existing farming enterprises including prime lamb, wool, grass seed, cereal grains, forestry, aquaculture, dairy, beef, cropping, seed growing and potential future horticultural crops.”

“Private Forestry Tasmania has also launched Tree Alliance, which aims to raise awareness of farm forestry and encourage farmers to plant more trees.

“The campaign highlights the benefits that trees deliver such as increased farm productivity, while simultaneously growing high value timber products, delivering biofuel, improving water quality and efficiency, and storing carbon.

“With the demand for timber expected to quadruple by 2050, the Tree Alliance will help meet these needs, while benefiting farmers and landowners.

Federal Assistant Minister for Forestry Jonno Duniam said planting trees on farms with the intention of harvesting and replanting is a win-win for the environment, society and landowners.

“This is a sustainable and environmentally-friendly way for landowners to expand their businesses,” Assistant Minister Duniam said.

“Tasmanian timber is world-class, and with the demand for high quality, sustainable timber ever-increasing, this program will be essential.”

These initiatives confirm the strong support from both the State and Federal Governments for Tasmania’s world-class and sustainable forestry industry that employs thousands of locals and injects more than \$1.2 billion into our economy, while supporting regional communities and families.

Supporters of the Tree Alliance:

- Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association
- Tasmanian Agricultural Productivity Group
- Tasmanian Timber
- Tasmanian Forests and Forests Product Network
- We Act
- Climate Friendly
- The Centre For Sustainable Architecture With Wood (University of Tasmania)

CSIRO Farmers participating in the Landscape Scale Demonstration.