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Investing in rewarding and sustainable careers in forestry

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is delivering support to the forestry sector to help develop a pipeline of skilled and qualified workers to guide our sustainable, well-managed forest sector into the future.

The Arbre Forest Industries Training and Career Hub, which opened in 2016, is an industry-led training hub providing real skills for real jobs in the forestry industry, with many of the workforce employed by small businesses in regional areas.

The Tasmanian Government continues to work alongside industry to meet its future workforce needs and the Tasmanian Budget 2021-22 provides an additional \$150,000 over three years to work in partnership with Arbre Forest Industries to continue its work in delivering forestry training to the next generation of forestry workers.

Importantly, Arbre's training is grounded in responsible forest management for a sustainable long-term industry to lock-in a strong future for what is our ultimate renewable resource.

With an ageing and largely regional workforce, it is essential that we invest in training the industry leaders of tomorrow, and this funding will enable Arbre to offer work experience and traineeships to young Tasmanians.

The future of Tasmania's forestry sector depends on our ability to attract, train and retain talented youth.

Our forestry sector provides many diverse career opportunities and young Tasmanians, no matter where they live or their background, are encouraged to think about career in our essential and sustainable forestry sector.