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## **Greens Bogus Budget Alternative**

Thousands of jobs of hard-working Tasmanians are again at risk from the economic lunacy of the Greens.

The Greens' proposal to end native forest logging on public land and wipe out Sustainable Timber Tasmania would put an axe through the hardwood sawmilling and veneer industries and put an end to the iconic special timbers sector.

This is on top of the Greens' campaign against the export of plantation fibre from the South. In other words, they are also attacking the plantation sector.

The Greens themselves have admitted that more than 1,100 jobs are at stake in native forestry - but that is only the tip of the job destruction they are planning.

The special timbers sector has put the number of jobs in special timbers alone at 2,000 - with another 8,500 people involved in craft wood activity.

Despite the sheer lunacy involved in this mad plan, Tasmanians can't afford to underestimate the threat.

Last time the Greens were in government with the Labor Party more than 4,000 jobs were destroyed - two out of every three jobs in the industry.

This is in addition to Greens plans to lock up another 680,000 ha including the Tarkine, which is 10% of the State. This would undoubtedly have adverse impacts on mining, forestry and recreational land use.

The Liberal Government has been rebuilding the industry - production has more than doubled from a low of 2.4 million cubic metres under Labor and the Greens to more than 5.3 million cubic metres.

We can't afford to go back.