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Does Labor support Tasmanian Forestry Jobs

The latest attack by Labor on regional communities is expected to cost thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars, with the Victorian Labor Government is set to shut down their native timber production industry by 2030.

Across the country, Labor continues to sacrifice regional jobs to keep their inner city Green voters happy.

Tasmanians need to know where Rebecca White and Labor stands on native forestry supporting jobs in our regions.

Native forestry production supports more than 40 per cent of Tasmania's 5,700 forestry industry jobs, with more than 60 per cent of forestry jobs located in Tasmania's North and North West.

Rebecca White is on the record saying she has no regrets about the disastrous Labor-Green forest deal, which destroyed more than 4,000 jobs – two out of three jobs in the industry at the time.

In fact, less than two months ago Rebecca White and Labor joined forces with the Greens to vote together supporting a motion for a return to the job-destroying lock-ups of their infamous anti-forestry deal.

How can you trust Labor to support forestry workers and their jobs when Rebecca White and Labor continue to vote with the Greens.

In stark contrast, the Hodgman majority Liberal Government has worked to rebuild the forestry industry decimated by Labor-Green Government lockups,

Our Strategic Growth Plan for the Tasmanian Forests, Fine Timber and Wood Fibre Industry is built on four pillars – resource security, financial sustainability, job security and a stronger role for the private sector.

And our Plan is working as there is no doubt our forest industry is growing in strength and confidence thanks to our job-creating policies.