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Guy Barnett, Minister for Resources

Establishment of new forestry group welcomed

The Tasmanian Liberal Government welcomes the establishment of the new forestry sector representative body, the Tasmanian Forest Products Association (TFPA).

We welcome Mr Bryan Hayes as the inaugural Chair and recognise his strong history advocating for the industry, and we also wish the TFPA all the best in their recruitment process to find its inaugural Chief Executive Officer.

The Government recognises that key production and export sectors such as forestry, underpin our economy, create thousands of jobs and support rural and regional communities.

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is the strongest supporter of our world-class, renewable forestry industry, which contributes around \$1.2 billion to the Tasmanian economy and provides thousands direct and indirect jobs, many in regional areas.

We remain committed to a sustainable forest industry and ensuring the best outcomes for the Tasmanian economy, local communities and workers, especially as we work towards recovery from the impacts of coronavirus.