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Delivering on a more diverse resources sector

The Tasmanian Liberal Government is delivering on two key commitments in our first 100-day Plan to increase gender and cultural diversity in the State's resources sector.

Tasmania's resources industry is already taking positive steps to create supportive and inclusive workplaces for people from diverse backgrounds.

To further strengthen this, the Government is providing \$300,000 to the Tasmanian Forest and Forest Products Network (TFFPN) and \$150,000 to the Tasmanian Minerals, Manufacturing and Energy Council (TMEC) respectively for the development of industry-specific Diversity Action Plans.

The sector currently employs thousands of Tasmanians right across the state and injects billions into the economy so this is an investment in both people and productivity.

For Tasmania's resources sector to be globally competitive, it is essential that it can attract and retain talented individuals from all walks of life and that is what we hope these workforce diversity plans will achieve.

These action plans will help to attract more women and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to the forestry, mining, minerals processing, manufacturing and energy sectors.

With these industries thriving, the Government encourages all Tasmanians, no matter where they live and no matter what their background, to consider a career in our essential resources sector.

We look forward to seeing both of these industry workforce diversity plans developed and completed this year and being put into action from next year.