

Minister Guy Barnett has visited forestry industry operators

## Forestry minister backing industry

**NEW** opportunities for growth and job creation in our resurgent forest industry are being seized across regional Tasmania says Forestry Minister Guy Barnett.

Mr Barnett has been touring a number of locations in recent weeks, and on Wednesday was at forest industry businesses in Burnie, Somerset and Wynyard.

He said he wanted to reassure people who work in the sector of the government's full support.

"The Liberal Government's plan is to deliver for the industry the resource and job security that it needs to continue to grow," he said.

"We are also ensuring that the State-owned Forestry Tasmania is put on a financially sustainable footing, ending the public subsidies as we said we would.

"Across the State we are seeing growing confidence in the forest industry on the back of the Government's commitment, and this was evident on the Coast today.

"Forestry is an important employer in the North-West, and we will continue to work with the industry to support its growth."