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Forest industry continued growth under Liberal Government

Exports of wood and fibre through Tasmanian ports totalled just under 3.5 million tonnes in the first 11 months of this financial year, according to TasPorts data.

That's more than three times the 1.1 million tonnes exported over the same 11-month period at the bottom of the slump experienced under the former Labor-Green government in 2012-13.

This latest demonstration of the success of the Hodgman Liberal Government's forestry growth plan comes on top of an equally sharp rise on wood production.

Total wood production in 2016-17 reached 5.33 million cubic metres – more than double production at the bottom of the Labor-Green slump.

The Hodgman Liberal Government will continue to support our forest industry and oppose the Labor-Green push for further lock-ups which would result in massive job losses.

The cost last time was more than 4,000 jobs – two out of every three jobs in the industry.

Only the Liberal Government is a strong and consistent supporter of this important Tasmanian industry and the jobs it represents.