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FPA Annual Report

The Forest Practice Authority (FPA) Annual Report provides further confirmation of the forestry industry turnaround under the Hodgman Liberal Government.

As the independent statutory body responsible for administering the Tasmanian forest practices system, the FPA plays an important role in managing Tasmania's forests.

The forest practices system regulates the management of forest areas on both public and private land.

To meet increasing industry activity the FPA has been forced to recruit additional staff – a very different outlook to job losses and contraction of the industry under the disastrous Labor-Green deal.

The number of Forest Practices Plans certified by the FPA is up by 14 percent, and the area of land certified has gone up by 12 percent.

This is great news, and a testament to the revitalisation of confidence in the industry.

Unlike Labor and the Greens, the Government will continue to support our renewable, sustainable forestry industry and the jobs it provides in regional communities.