



## The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP

### Leader of the Opposition

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Workers and participants in the Tasmanian Forest and Forest Products Industry,

I am writing to you to assure you that if I become Prime Minister following the May 21 Federal Election that forestry, timber and pulp and paper workers in Tasmania will have a better future.

Labor supports your industry, your family and your community.

My shadow minister responsible for forestry, Julie Collins, has repeatedly expressed her strong support for your sector, both to the industry and around the decision-making table. She is a strong and effective advocate for Tasmania in Canberra.

I promise you that if I become Prime Minister, a Government I lead will not shut down the native forest industry in Tasmania.

The Greens have tried to take my job for the last twenty years - I have beaten them every time and I will take up the fight against them to protect your job too.

The Liberals have gone into overdrive saying that Labor will listen to the Greens.

This is nothing but a desperate scare campaign designed to cover up for the fact that Scott Morrison has been a major disappointment for your industry.

The fact that a low carbon emitting industry like yours which uses a renewable resource grown in Tasmania is excluded from Scott Morrison's 'Modern Manufacturing Strategy' is shameful.

Labor by contrast recognises that increasing the use of timber and wood products in construction projects, is vital to tackling climate change.

Already Labor have announced our [A Future Grown in Australia: A better plan for forestry and forest products](#) strategy.

Our plan includes \$10 million for training and qualifications for workers to improve safety, assist career advancement and to boost productivity, profitability, and wages.

Adding to my commitment to you that Federal Labor will support native forest harvesting, is that Labor will assist in growing the plantation estate and increasing Tasmania's capacity in sawmilling, timber processing and pulping including more value adding and jobs in Tasmania.

I have known and worked with your Union's leadership team National Secretary Michael O'Connor and State Secretary Scott McLean for decades and look forward to continuing working with them to protect your job and support you, your family and community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Albanese', written in a cursive style.

**The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP**  
Leader of the Australian Labor Party