

Government Procurement – Locally Manufactured Paper

Mr MITCHELL question to PREMIER

My question is from Lee of New Norfolk. The Boyer Paper Mill has a long and proud history as a newsprint and magazine paper producer. In June, the mill began production of A4 white copy paper, making it Australia's only supplier of domestically-produced copy paper. Mandura carbon-neutral Australian-made copy paper uses half the amount of wood fibre compared to others, with most components sourced from Tasmania, including FSC-certified forests, and I do acknowledge that the Government made a loan facility available. Premier, it stands to reason that Tasmanian government departments, agencies and GBEs should be using a product made in Tasmania by Tasmanians instead of imported products. Will you give directions to your departments, agencies and GBEs to order and use Mandura copy paper? Have you given such directions? If not, why not, and if you have, what timelines have you imposed?