

Support for Tasmanian Native Forest Sector

Mr SHELTON question to MINISTER for BUSINESS, INDUSTRY and RESOURCES

On behalf of my constituents, I raise some concerns about the bizarre decision of the Victorian and Western Australian governments to end sustainable, climate-friendly, native-forest forestry in those states, which has led to perverse outcomes for Australians, not only massively increasing imports of native-forest hardwoods from other countries, but increasing carbon emissions via long-haul transportation. There are many constituents concerned that not only have the Victorian and Western Australian governments shot themselves in the foot with their stated aims of protecting the climate, but they have done it at the expense of local jobs and regional communities.

Will the Tasmanian government ensure that we continue to support our native forest sector, thereby maintaining vibrant and resilient local communities, protecting jobs and reducing reliance on risky climate-polluting imports?