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North East Forest Contractors welcome additional \$1.2m in financial assistance

North East Forest Contractors welcome the additional \$1.2m in financial assistance announced yesterday by David Llewellyn Minister for Energy and Resources and Jeremy Rockliff Shadow Minister for Resources.

Forest contractors were becoming increasingly concerned that sales for 800,000 tonnes of woodchips would not occur in time for them to save their businesses. As a result contractors were seeking additional financial assistance.

“The announcements made yesterday have really bought us hope that we can get through this difficult time, we look forward to hearing the details relating to this additional assistance” said Ken Hall, North East forest contractor.

“It really does show that both the ALP and Liberals are committed to the forest industry in Tasmania and that bi-partisan support is what we need to continue into the future.”

Over \$7m and 150 jobs are injected into the North East economy and community annually and there were grave concerns that this would be in jeopardy due to an 8 week shut down at the Tamar woodchip mill.

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