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New Indian walnut market a major opportunity for Tasmania

Assistant Minister for Agriculture Richard Colbeck has welcomed the decision by India to grant market access to Australian-grown walnuts.

Assistant Minister Colbeck: “This is a major new opportunity for Tasmania, with Australia’s largest walnut producer Webster Ltd based in our state.

“India is a huge market of over a billion people and Tasmania’s global competitive advantage as a Southern Hemisphere exporter means that we can provide the freshest walnuts in the world for several months of the year.

“Tasmania also has a reputation for high-quality, safe produce, which was recognised by India’s scientific study that enabled our growers to gain market access.

“Global demand for walnuts continues to grow steadily on the back of publicity from a number of nutritional studies proving the health benefits of walnuts.

“Webster’s has identified significant room to expand in Tasmania, which means that new trade opportunities will create more jobs for Tasmanians.

“The Liberal National Government continues to work to create more market access for Tassie exporters so that we can deliver on our promise of 1.25 million new jobs over the next five years.”

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