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Statement on Forestry

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The Coalition categorically rules out ending native forestry harvesting in any State or Territory, including Victoria, unlike the Victorian Labor Government who clearly have an agenda to do just that.

The Coalition's policy for forestry is to ensure both a strong plantation and native forests sectors, including in Victoria into the future.

As stated in our ten year National Forest Industries Plan, the native forest sector will remain an important part of the industry going forward, especially in regional Australia, with special timbers to be continued to be harvested from appropriate regions.

We remain committed to the 20 year rolling extension of all the Regional Forestry Agreements (RFAs), including the current negotiations with the Western Australia and Victorian Governments, as the best mechanism for delivering environmental, economic (including the forest industry) and social demands on our native forests.

These include an ongoing five-yearly review of the RFA's performance, including consultation with stakeholders and utilising the latest science.

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