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Forestry contractors to benefit from new assistance scheme

The forestry sector is poised to receive a boost by way of a new joint initiative announced by the Hodgman government today.

“Rural Business Tasmania (RBT), as Tasmania’s primary industry business and financial management experts, is delighted to partner with the Tasmanian Government in supporting a key primary producer, specifically forestry,” said CEO Elizabeth Skirving.

Securing funding the newly announced Forestry Contractors Resilience Program (FCRP) combines business upskilling by way of business management training with financial grants to assist sector families to prosper into the future.

“The announcement of the split stream support program will provide business management guidance and funds to allow practical application of agreed actions. This will allow forest contractors to build on the business acumen that they require to ensure viable sustainable business in the long term,” Ms Skirving said.

As it has done so successfully in other primary industry sectors, Rural Business Tasmania’s proven holistic approach incorporating practical business management training, mentoring and business coaching together with financial support has delivered tangible results in real terms.

“RBT identifies, or has referred to it, eligible clients who, through facilitation by a suitably qualified business coach and mentor, undertake a review of management practices and are assisted in developing strategies to achieve better business outcomes.” RBT encourages a greater emphasis on working on the business to ensure efficient use of resources. Outcomes are achieved through proactive steps to build resilience to meet the everyday challenges of running a small business in primary production.

We look forward to working with forest contractors to build their business” Ms Skirving shared. “We commend the Hodgman government and the Minister in supporting this initiative, and for continuing to pursue sustainable outcomes for Tasmania’s primary producers.”

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