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Albanese hands control of crucial manufacturing program to the Greens

Prime Minister Albanese has sold out crucial sectors of the Australian manufacturing industry in a desperate effort to secure the passage of their National Reconstruction Fund (NRF) through federal parliament.

Federal Member for Braddon, Gavin Pearce MP, said day after day the Albanese government is saying one thing, but when push comes to shove, they have no hesitation going back on their word, always prioritising politics over good outcomes for certain segments of industry.

“It hasn’t taken Labor long to jump back into bed with the Greens and lying in the ruins is our world-class forestry industry,” Mr Pearce said.

“In their original NRF plan, the Albanese Government pledged that \$500 million would be reserved specifically for support across the agriculture, fisheries and forestry sectors, all of which are crucial to the Tasmanian economy.”

“But on Thursday the Greens demanded an amendment to the legislation which would prevent governments from using the fund to invest in coal and gas projects, or log native forests, in exchange for their support. Labor couldn’t get on board fast enough.”

“In reality and true to form, Labor has never had any interest in these sectors. They are simply expendable bargaining chips they are happy to turn their back on to appease the Greens to ensure the passage of legislation through the Senate.”

“Tasmania’s \$1.2 billion sustainable, responsible, lawful and job creating forestry industry is world-class and is vital to our ongoing prosperity. But Labor obviously doesn’t care about that.”

“Excluding the forestry industry from accessing the National Reconstruction Fund is shameful. All Tasmanians should be very nervous about which one of our great local industries Labor will sell out to the Greens next.”

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