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Inquiry will hold Labor to account on forest sale

Labor's reckless decision to forward sell the State's timber harvesting rights will be scrutinised by a Parliamentary Inquiry established yesterday.

Labor unanimously opposed the Inquiry.

Shadow Forests Minister Adrian Pederick said that sneaky Labor did not want their reckless, short-sighted decision put under the spotlight.

"This Labor Government is not open, transparent or accountable to the South Australian public.

"Forests Minister Michael O'Brien and former Treasurer Kevin Foley both publicly confirmed the decision to sell the forests had already been made – the community deserves to know the truth.

"We are still waiting on the Regional Impact Statement that was due last month and Labor cannot continue to hide behind its rhetoric on this issue.

"The sale of the State's forests will devastate the economic and social fabric of the South East.

"The community must once again rally together to give submissions to the Parliamentary Inquiry and oppose the sale of the forests."