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- Q6. **Postcode** [REDACTED]
- Q7. **Country** Australia
- Q8. **Stakeholder type** Other
- Q9. **Stakeholder type - Other**  
State Forest Apiary Lease holder
- Q10. **Stakeholder type - Staff**  
not answered
- Q11. **Organisation name** [REDACTED]
- Q12. **What is your preferred method of contact?** Email
- Q13. **Would you like to receive further information and updates on IFOA and forestry matters?** Yes
- Q14. **Can the EPA make your submission public?** Yes, but anonymous
- Q15. **Have you previously engaged with the EPA on forestry issues?** No
- Q16. **What parts of the draft Coastal IFOA are most important to you? Why?**  
Harvesting regimes as this affects my livelihood
- Q17. **What parts of the draft Coastal IFOA do you think have a positive outcome on the management of environmental values or the production of sustainable timber? Why?**  
not answered

**Q18. What parts of the draft Coastal IFOA do you think have a negative outcome on the management of environmental values or the production of sustainable timber? Why?**

not answered

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**Q19. What are your views on the effectiveness of the combination of permanent environmental protections at the regional, landscape and operational scales (multi-scale protection)?**

not answered

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**Q20. In your opinion, would the draft Coastal IFOA be effective in managing environmental values and a sustainable timber industry? Why?**

not answered

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**Q21. General comments**

I have been beekeeping for 40 years on the north coast of NSW and with many years of experience in the timber industry prior to this. My family business is the largest certified organic business on the north coast of NSW and lease numerous apiary sites within State Forests. Over 11 staff including employees are directly employed by us and we put back over \$1.5 million into the local economy each year. My main concern is the potential for overharvesting the mature trees needed for nectar and pollen collection by honey bees. For example Blackbutt doesn't start producing nectar or pollen until 15-20 years in age and then only flowers on a 3-5 year cycle depending on weather conditions. Spotted Gum can bud and flower much earlier as a young tree but will not set seed and produce viable amounts of nectar until at least 20 years of age. Flooded gum takes 15 – 20 years before production and Ironbark at least 60 years. Under the proposed harvesting limits, the only mature trees will be those retained in clumps which will not be enough for commercial beekeeping purposes. Current harvesting practices do not always leave enough mature trees where some areas are being logged too heavily. Can you please consider increasing the minimum basal area retained including the more mature trees needed for sustainable beekeeping. Wayne Fuller Bee Services

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**Q22. Attach your supporting documents (Document 1)** not answered

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**Q23. Attach your supporting documents (Document 2)** not answered

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**Q24. Attach your supporting documents (Document 3)** not answered

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