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Remake of the Coastal IFOAs
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Dear Environment Protection Authority,

I would like to comment on the discussion paper regarding the remake of the IFOAs for the Eden, Southern, Upper North East and Lower North East coastal regions of New South Wales (NSW).

I am concerned that the proposed changes to regulation of logging operations in NSW state forests will reduce protection of threatened species, rainforest, old growth forest, endangered ecological communities, and aquatic habitats.

I am particularly alarmed at the proposal to lift the prohibition on logging on steep slopes, which will obviously cause increased soil erosion, loss of water quality and damage to sensitive habitats.

I am not impressed with and object strongly to Tasmanian logging industry involvement in forestry management and regulation in NSW forests.

Pre-logging surveys for threatened species and threatened species habitat are a cornerstone of sustainable forestry management. The proposal to remove the requirement to conduct pre-logging surveys is deplorable and will place many plants and animals at risk. Surveys for threatened fauna and flora and identification of no-go zones should be conducted independently of the Forestry Corporation.

Maintaining resilient, healthy ecosystems is essential to sustainable forestry management. Management of weeds, pests and diseases and ongoing research into best practice management to maintain forest health is not adequately addressed in this discussion paper.

Proposed removal of restrictions regulating logging intensity and logging area will allow more trees to be removed and increased clearfelling. This proposal will greatly increase the impacts on biological diversity and put many species at risk.

I strongly object to the proposed changes. The NSW Government should not knowingly leave forests open to degradation, weed infestation, disease and loss of habitats for threatened species. We should be managing our forests for future generations.

Sincerely

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