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Community group	Local Government	Aboriginal group
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What is you preferred contact method (circle): Mobile, Email or phone? Email

Would you like to receive further information and updates on IFOA and forestry matters?

Yes

Can the EPA make your submission public* (circle)? YES

Yes No Yes, but anonymous

Have you previously engaged with the EPA on forestry issues? YES



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1. What parts of the draft Coastal IFOA are most important to you? Why?

All parts – Refer to my General comments – All parts are inter-related, so no part is more important than any other.

2. 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?

None – the draft Coastal IFOA is a travesty! It does not address the management of environmental values, nor the production of sustainable timber.

Why? Please refer to my General comments

3. 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?

All parts of this proposal will have negative outcomes for our native forests. Why? ... Please refer to my General comments.

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

This combination of permanent environmental protections at the regional, landscape and operational scales (multi-scale protection) will only be effective in turning our public native forests into quasi plantations!

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

Absolutely not! Please refer to my General Comments.

6. General comments

I totally oppose the destructive changes the NSW government has proposed for public native forests across my State.

I am outraged that my government is re-writing the logging rules under the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA). Clearly, the annual wood volumes cited are too high and totally unsustainable.

As a taxpayer I am appalled that MY taxes have been used to prop up an unsustainable industry to the tune of some \$12 million per annum, paying compensation for timber which



was not available when the Regional Forest Agreements (RFA's) were set up. Now, the situation is far worse, in terms of lack of timber.

I firmly believe it is time for our government to rapidly transition OUT OF public native forest logging and into a 100% plantation-based timber industry. This would make good sense, economically, socially and environmentally.

You promised no reduction in the Reserve System. However, the proposed changes would increase the sawlog volumes. I see how your government seek to make the logging rules more like 'guidelines' (with self-monitoring? – “fox in charge of the hen house” strategy!)

Your IFOA intends to “re-assess” old growth forest (protected for 20 years) and ‘conveniently’ find that 78% of such protected old growth forests will no longer be termed ‘old growth’, so will be subject to logging. Likewise – “re-assess” rainforest (also protected for 20 years) and (surprisingly!) find that 23% of it will no longer be termed ‘rainforest’, so will be opened for logging.

As well, I am aware of your reduction in buffers on headwater streams, from 10m to 5m. Seriously, how do you expect endangered fish and plant life relying on clean water flows to survive, with only 5 m buffer from devastating forestry logging activities?

I note you plan to remove species-specific protections for threatened species living in native forests, along with removing the need to survey for their numbers, before logging, along with removing the need to survey and protect koalas and their high use areas.

I see how your government’s aim is to turn OUR public native forests into quasi ‘plantations’, by doubling the intensity of “selective” logging in our remaining public forests.

I have surveyed areas of Lorne forest and seen the trees left purportedly as ‘seed’ trees. Some of the trees left standing along amidst the devastation and wastage were only 10 cm in diameter! To leave such immature trees and records them as ‘seed’ trees is an insult!

I am aghast that you plan to remove the need to protect mature recruitment habitat trees and eucalypt feed trees, currently required to be protected. Rainforests actually require eucalypt forests adjacent to them, to remain healthy. Migratory birds RELY on such eucalypt trees for nectar, during their autumn-to-spring ‘North-South Path’ flights.

Both State and Federal governments intend to extend the Regional Forest Agreements (RFA's) - which govern these logging laws – indefinitely, with no review of the failings of these agreements, and no acknowledgement of new information to hand, regarding the unsustainability of such agreements. I know you intend to extend the unsustainable Wood Supply Agreements with sawmillers for another 20 years! Unbelievable!

I totally oppose all of the abovementioned destructive changes. Such proposals demonstrate your government’s total disregard for the economic and social values that intact mature, mixed age and mixed species public native forests provide for our public



benefit. If your government would leave what is left of our public native forests, they can continue to provide habitat for our unique forest-dependent species, especially under threat of extinction, and those in serious decline, like our iconic koalas, protection of our water quality and quantity, and security for populations downstream of forests, for climate change mitigation and increase carbon storage.

As well, your government spends lots of money on promoting NSW as a tourist destination. High quality native forests provide a wonderful opportunity for nature-based tourism. I would like to see your government support such initiatives, and STOP DESTROYING OUR NATIVE FORESTS!

In summary, I call on the NSW Government to:

- Recognise that the Regional Forest Agreements (RFA's) have failed to deliver environmental protection or industry security;
- Recognise the benefits of non-timber forest values are vital for the future of regional economies and ecosystems;
- Establish the Great Koala National Park as an immediate priority;
- Commit to a just transition out of native forest logging on public land and the transfer of public forests to protected areas when the RFA's expire.