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- Q8. **Stakeholder type** Individual
- Q9. **Stakeholder type - Other**
not answered
- Q10. **Stakeholder type - Staff**
not answered
- Q11. **Organisation name** n/a
- 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
- 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?**
All
- 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?**
I am uncomfortable about the general direction of the document

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?

Those that fail to strengthen existing protections

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)?

They are insufficient

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

No. The government needs to be far more proactive in protecting environments and species if a sustainable timber industry is ever to appear.

Q21. General comments

I am greatly concerned at the proposed changes that effectively remove protections for threatened species in NSW, old growth, rainforest and waterways. It is well recognised from scientific research that all life forms are interdependent. Our level of legal protections to date have not been adequate. The Draft Coastal IFOA, by weakening what is currently in place, threatens further damage to our environment, and as a consequence, to our livelihoods and quality of life. Surely it is the responsibility of our governments, on behalf of us all, to safeguard our environments, our health and our economies by ensuring the highest standards of protection for our flora, fauna and ecosystems. I call upon our government to act responsibly by providing immediate additional funding and appropriate structures. While the efficient and responsible use of public funds is necessary and commendable, the call to reduce costs associated with implementation and compliance is likely only to lead to higher repair costs in the future. So to be fit for purpose, the regulatory framework must:

- Remove subsidies for logging native forests and instead fund native forest restoration and future protection.
- As a matter of urgency, ensure logging does not happen in areas where there are threatened species.
- Establish areas of specific sanctuary for koalas as soon as possible to address high levels of threat to this precious, iconic native animal.
- Support the speedy transition to 100% plantation logging.
- Ensure strong measures to prevent clearfell logging.
- Actively manage forests on public land to protect native species and ecosystems and flowing, clean waterways and enable sustainable public access and employment.

Many of us are becoming very disillusioned because of the high incidence of apparently careless and irresponsible behaviour by our government and some public institutions. Help reassure us that government can act, as it should, in our best interests - by producing a strong, protective well-funded Coastal IFOA.

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

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

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