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- 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?**  
The scale of logging proposed will have diabolical impacts on endangered species, fauna generally, water, landscapes, tourism and degeneration of forests particularly from Bell Minor die back
- 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 aware of one. Unless you classify the donation of millions of dollars to the private forestry industry via their mates in the National Party a positive. Not surprisingly I don't see this as positive

**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?**

Virtually all the changes will have a huge negative impact. Specifically, the re classification of old growth forest will see the destruction of up to 80% of trees that have taken hundreds of years to grow and provide essential habitats to endangered species and others. The so called simplification of categories will see the destruction of replacement trees which are essential to replace old habitat trees. The reduction of the riparian zones from 10 to 5 metres will ensure the destruction of pristine waterways and endangered species. This is another act of willful vandalism!

**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)?**

This question is completely irrelevant. When have loggers and Forestry itself ever received fines that are sufficient to stop their illegal behaviours? There are countless examples of illegal activities that are being rewarded with million dollar subsidies and logging quotas.

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

Absolutely not. The industry needs to move to plantation development and harvesting.

**Q21. General comments**

Please accept this email as my Submission to the Review of the Draft Coastal IFOA. Your government has recently announced its intention to drastically weaken the logging rules (Integrated Forestry Operations Approval - IFOA) to remove numerous protections for NSW's threatened species, koalas, old-growth & rainforest and waterways. I call upon you to stop proceeding with these draconian changes and:

1. Recognise that the Regional Forest Agreements have failed to deliver environmental protection or industry security. This is evidenced by the 50% reduction in koala numbers over the last 20 years and the continuing subsidies paid to logging companies.
2. Recognise that the benefits of non-timber forest values are vital for the future of regional economies and ecosystems.
3. Establish the Great Koala National Park as an immediate priority.
4. Commit to a just transition out of native forest logging on public land and the transfer of public forests to protected areas when the RFAs expire.
5. Ensure that public forests are managed for the public good (ie: tourism, environmental repair, carbon sequestration and storage, wildlife habitat and , abundant water).
6. Stop planning to log areas protected as habitat for threatened species, Koalas, old-growth forest, rainforest and stream buffers. The 5 metre stream buffer proposal is truly appalling.
7. Stop increasing logging intensity and legalising clearfell logging along the North Coast of NSW.
8. Stop propping up the rapacious native forest logging industry at the cost of species extinction, logging dieback, reduced stream flows and water quality decline and sustainable forest based jobs.
9. End the logging of public native forest and complete the transition of the timber industry to 100% plantations.
10. Transfer all existing subsidies from native forest logging into native forest restoration.

I will be closely monitoring your performance in these areas and taking further action if I do not see an immediate marked improvement in outcomes for our forests. Sincerely Simon Clough Phone 02 662 42894 Mobile 0428886217 I work in Lismore City and acknowledge the people of the Bundjalung nation, traditional custodians of the land.

**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