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- Q9. **Stakeholder type - Other**  
not answered
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not answered
- Q11. **Organisation name** not answered
- 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?**  
Protecting the integrity of ecological services, in particular protecting biodiversity and carbon sinks.
- 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?**

It does not make sense to use the term sustainable timber in the absence of clear plans to (a) ensure that biodiversity is conserved and (b) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Together biodiversity loss and climate change pose globally significant threats to the environment. Habitat loss continues to be the main cause of biodiversity decline in New South Wales as elsewhere. Forestry operations continue to contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. Under these conditions, the of native forests for timber production cannot be considered to be sustainable.

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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)?**

Whereas the proposed arrangements appear to be a minor improvement on the previous environmental protections, the overall level of protection remains inadequate to ensure genuine environmental sustainability.

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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?**

This will be difficult to establish as there is insufficient environmental monitoring. In particular, monitoring of threatened species is inadequate. The onus is on the government to conduct the required monitoring to establish whether the level of timber harvesting is environmentally sustainable for the long term.

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**Q21. General comments**

not answered

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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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