Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission to the Review of the Draft Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA).

I regard your government’s process to “remake” the IFOA as little more than a sham to serve the interests of big business and big agricultural and logging industries. As such, your process is a betrayal of the interests of the environment, of threatened species and of the public whose interests you are supposed to serve.

The changes you contemplate will do nothing to address the failure of the Regional Forestry Agreements. Your “remake” will not recognise the benefits of non-timber forests.

Public forests need to be protected and managed in the interests of the public. They should not be allowed to be vandalised in the interests of special, narrow interests however influential they may be.

The logging of native forests should be ended and a Great Koala National Park needs to be established as a matter of urgency.

Although I no longer reside in NSW, NSW is my home state and I have many friends and family members who will not look kindly on a government which serves a very narrow sector and fails to act in the interests of the majority of NSW people and of the environment.

Yours sincerely,

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