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Q8. Stakeholder type | Environment group  
Q9. Stakeholder type - Other | not answered  
Q10. Stakeholder type - Staff | not answered  
Q11. Organisation name | The Colong Foundation for Wilderness Ltd  
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? | Yes
Q16. What parts of the draft Coastal IFOA are most important to you? Why?

Wilderness areas exclusions from IFOA, extend and retain to current provisions in remake - see attached IFOA exclusion map files. Retain existing IFOA oldgrowth and rainforest definitions and mapping methodologies to meet objectives of not winding back protections. No areas of oldgrowth forest or rainforest should be logged. Oldgrowth and rainforest are of immense value to nature conservation in State Forests. Published in 2015, "Values for a Generation" is an e-book comprised of theme-based papers produced by members and former members of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWHA) Advisory Committee. The e-book presents data and perspectives on geodiversity, biodiversity, cultural and historic values, and scenic splendour, as well as an explanation of boundary changes needed to provide long-term protection to the GBMWHA. Although only part of Coastal IFOA, an number of State Forest areas adjoining the Greater Blue Mountains WHA are recommended for protection by the GBMWHA AC - see attached file (GBMWHA 3 July 2014).

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?

The wind back of environmental protections for rainforest and old growth forest should have been clearly stated and mapped. These areas have not been mapped, and so the IFOA process has been misleading. Once identified, misrepresentation cancels positive outcomes.

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?

Redefinition of OGF, rainforest and stream buffers will allow logging in the most intact parts of the state forest estate damaging core environmental values in state forests. Logging such areas demonstrates that timber production is not sustainable.

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)?

The moves to weaken protection indicate that protections are less effective than previous IFOA arrangements. New Flora reserves created by the Minister for Primary Industries under section 57(3) of the Forestry Act 2012 are not secure, as Gradeys Creek FR was logged. The new Flora Res remain owned by the Forestry Corporation, but who will pay for the management of these new reserves by the NPWS? Wouldn't it be easier to transfer these areas to the NPWS? There has been no clear presentation of what is intended with the creation of new flora reserves. It is clear that informal reserves have not secure and are being wound back and are proposed to be logged, affecting stream buffers, rainforest and old growth forests.

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

Less effective because intact stands of OG and rainforests on State Forests that have escaped logging of the past 20 years will now be logged, so it is management retrograde and unsustainable by definition. The industry needs new OG and rainforests areas, so current areas are not being sustained.

Q21. General comments

not answered

Q22. Attach your supporting documents (Document 1)
Q23. Attach your supporting documents (Document 2)

Q24. Attach your supporting documents (Document 3)
Map 1
Land to which the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval for the Lower North East Region does not apply

Legend
- Town
- Major road
- River
- RFN region boundary
- Cathedral boundary
- Land to which the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval does not apply
- Reserve under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974
- State Forest

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Geodetic Datum of Australia 1994

Note: The information presented on this map may not be definitive and should be used for indicative purposes only. For definitive land tenure information, contact the appropriate government authority.

Map compiled from: MRARS and RFN boundaries data from NSW/MRARS and RFN/ISW/ Administration and infrastructure data from NSW/LPAR

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Map 2
Land to which the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval for the Upper North East Region does not apply

Legend
- Town
- Major road
- River
- RNF region boundary
- Tenterfield boundary
- Land to which the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval does not apply
- Reserve under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974
- State Forest

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Map 3
Land to which the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval for the Upper North East Region does not apply
Map 4
Land to which the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval for the Upper North East Region does not apply

Legend
- Town
- Major road
- River
- FPFS region boundary
- Coastal boundary
- Land to which the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval does not apply
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- State Forest

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GBMWHA - National Heritage List Assessment

Legend
- GBMWHA listed in 2000
- Additions since 2000 to reserves that comprise the GBMWHA for consideration of nomination
- Other reserves adjoining the GBMWHA recommended for assessment for National Heritage values
- State Forest adjoining the GBMWHA recommended for assessment for National Heritage values

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