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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?
All the changes are not SUSTANABLE. I have heard that one of the scientists on the expect panels that assessed the new laws bluntly said" the intensive harvesting zones are being introduced to prop up an unsustainable wood supply arrangement at the expense of the environment". I admire the efforts of conservationists and environmentalists who have fought hard both actively, polically and legally to bring about better public land forest management. These people have my respect and they are opposed to these changes. I have lived in the Coffs Harbour Area / Port Macquarie area for over 40 years. I have seen old photographs of early timber harvesting and visited many forest and current management practices are clearly not SUSTANABLE. Our public forests are being turned into almost monoculture forests, loosing almost all of their special life supporting attributes.
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?

No positive environmental outcomes and no sustainability of timber. As previously stated. Unsustainable already so what an oxy moron to increase intensity and area of logging and think it could be sustainable. All in a time of increased future impacts of climate change like heat waves, wild fires, droughts, floods, more severe storms, and our environmental concerns highlighted by the plight of our Koalas dependant upon our coastal forests for their very survival.

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?

All changes have a negative outcome as outlined previously. Our forests need to managed for all attribute including wild life, water (rain attracting and water holding) and our well being for spiritual and visual and recreation reasons and for the synergistic function of the ecosystem that supports human life (oxygen, carbon sink, and drinking water for a large coastal human population) The timber production has not been sustainable with quotas unable to be supplied and sawlogs getting smaller and machines getting bigger and jobs being lost. Our very future is dependant on sustainable forest management for all it's values not just logging.

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 is just words on a page with no true meaning. I have witnessed the cutting back of funding to the Nation Parks with government political changes. Many jobs lost. Who is to police protections when it is the environmental activists who are the ones committed to protecting. And new laws are locking up the protectors. I was the first coastal Landcare coordinator in Coffs Harbour. There is no Landcare ethic with proposed changes and indeed it appears State Forests is exempt from Landcare which is supposed to have government support.

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

No. I think I have explained previously

Q21. General comments

Long term commitment to logging our forests in a business as usual or a more intense business as usual is madness. Where is the Intergenerational equity and where is the precautionary principal. I believe a total new approach is needed to manage our public native forests into the future. Please don't lock our forests into more long term unsustainable logging. It is not fair to our future generations nor the wildlife dependant upon a resilient diverse forest ecosystem. I am passionate about our forests and find great personal value in my spiritual connection to forests and apologise for a last minute submission sent from iPhone. But hope I demonstrated my passion in caring for our forests and future.

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