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Q7. Country | Australia
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Q9. Stakeholder type - Other | not answered
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Q11. Organisation name | N/A
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?  
Allowing intensive harvesting of Blackbutt forests. I am extremely concerned that FCNSW will inadvertently contribute to invasive weed infestations in areas that have been heavily disturbed through harvesting. FCNSW have an extremely poor record with regards to invasive weed management. Any future regeneration of a native forest will not be possible, if for instance, Lantana is allowed to flourish.
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?

Permanent protection areas e.g. habitat tree resources. Hopefully there are strict rules in place to ensure that high quality habitat is retained. I anticipate that FCNSW will attempt to retain areas of convenience not quality.

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?

Heavy disturbance = heavy weed infestation = no forest regeneration = no future timber resource

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)?

Great if the quality areas are of a sufficient size are protected and linked across the landscape.

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

Given the extreme pressures arising from the existing wood supply agreements, I am very sceptical that the environment will come and equal first with wood production. Native forests are most likely Australia's only sustainable, renewable natural resource. They should be managed responsibly and not treated as a short term cash cow. Lack of foresight and greed are the front runners at the moment.

Q21. General comments

Breaches of rules resulting GPS inaccuracy is also a concern. Are FCNSW and harvesting contractors going to be required to use the best GPS tech available, or will iPads with substandard GPS systems be allowed to be used?????? Please address the intensive harvesting/invasive weed issue.

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