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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?
   The logging regulations. they are both environmentally destructive and unrealistic.

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?
   I have not seen any parts of this that have a positive outcome on the management of environmental values or the production of sustainable timber.
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?

The current regulations regarding logging allocations have been proven to be unrealistic and it’s been very expensive to compensate for unrealistic promised quota; to continue to promise more timber than is available is absurd. To reduce the protection around streams is a recipe for downstream disaster. Our old growth forests are valuable in so many ways and are not adequately protected. And there is an increasing appreciation and realisation of the value of the environment among the general population.

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)?

If environmental protections were actually enforced it would be one thing. But the reality has unfortunately been that they frequently are not. Actual protection of the environment is essential if we want Australia to continue to be the special place it has been.

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

No, this draft Coastal IFOA has not been well thought out and does not take account of current ideas or the results of poor practices in the past. It does not provide adequate environmental protection and promises far more timber for logging than is actually available.

Q21. General comments

This draft Coastal IFOA should be discarded and rewritten in accord with modern scientific and cultural knowledge. Our Australian environment is unique and valuable in so many ways. It must not be sold off for the short term gain of a few.

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