Please accept this email as my Submission to the Review of the Draft Coastal IFOA.

It's time to stop logging native forests. Once they have gone, it's too late. The current practice is not sustainable and causes an appalling level of damage to wildlife. We have the highest rate of extinctions in the world.

The Regional Forest Agreements have failed to deliver environmental protection or industry security. The Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA) will remove numerous protections for NSW's threatened species, koalas, old growth & rainforest and waterways.

Current logging rules are not always followed in the field. Damage is often done to the trees left standing. Operators don't follow the guidelines, mistakes are made and there is inadequate oversight of field operations.

Logged forests suffer from dieback. Remediation is not adequate. Forests need heterogeneity for health.

It is not possible to maintain environmental values and also provide a sustainable timber industry. These aims are incompatible. “No net change to wood supply and no erosion of environmental values” is a promise that can't be kept.

Increasing logging intensity and legalising clearfell logging along the North Coast of NSW will bring the forests further to destruction.

It's time now to end the logging of public native forest and complete the transition of the timber industry to 100% plantations and the transfer of public forests to protected areas when the RFAs expire.

Yours sincerely,

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