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- Q7. **Country** Australia
- Q8. **Stakeholder type** Individual
- Q9. **Stakeholder type - Other**
not answered
- Q10. **Stakeholder type - Staff**
not answered
- 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?**
I am concerned about habitat loss and fragmentation. I think that this IFOA is generally a positive plan, however I feel that as a forestry management plan needs to ensure more robust conservation outcomes in the face of increased deforestation generally due to urban development and reduced controls on broadscale farmland clearing
- 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?**
not answered

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?

I am concerned that the proposed minimal distance of clearing from streams is only 5 m. This distance may be considered adequate to minimise streambank erosion, but I think it is unlikely to provide adequate habitat and wildlife refuge. Large trees with nesting hollows (although mentioned for some protection elsewhere in the draft) are unlikely to be regularly preserved within such a narrow strip of vegetation. A 10 to 20 m clearance would preserve more effective habitat.

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)?

My concern is that the effectiveness of these protections is being looked at in isolation from pressures from land clearance for development and farming. To protect and enhance outcomes for the environment and wildlife we need to achieve a minimum of habitat neutrality if not habitat increase over the whole country, state and region. The positive outcomes of one plan are very easily negated

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

In isolation it is reasonably positive but not environmentally strong enough to preserve habitat. In its current form it will contribute to the countrywide deterioration of habitat and the further extinction of many species

Q21. General comments

not answered

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
