

7. Forestry employee, friend and family + online form

Make a submission – Form

1. What parts of the draft Coastal IFOA are most important to you? Why?

That the state forest can continue to be sustainably harvested as my family member's jobs and continuing employment depends on this.

2. 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?

It appears to be an easier set of rules to read and understand.

3. 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 continuing reduction of area able to be harvested because of increasing amount of sensitive areas decided by the EPA.

4. What are your views on the effectiveness of the combination of permanent environmental protections at the regional, landscape and operational scales (multi-scale protection)?

It might make it look more effective but it can be easily manipulated by the agencies to reduce areas available for harvesting. Decreased timber production threatens my family security because they have jobs in the forest industry.

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

Yes because it is slightly better than the previous IFOA.

General comments

I work in the/am a family member of someone employed/supporter of the forest industry and wish to make a submission on the draft Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA).

The continuation of forestry operations is important to me as my job/ as one living in a regional area that depends on the industry for employment and also the sustainability of our regional town centres. We need this long term forest industry both from state forests and private forests.

I support having good environmental guidelines for the forestry industry but making too many rules causes the industry to have greater costs imposed on it and that is then clearly a problem for the economic viability of the industry.

The issue that I would like to highlight with the remake of the IFOA is that the NSW government promised that the industry would not be subject to any wood loss from the new rules. It is important that this promise is kept. There are about 22,00 people employed in the forest industries in NSW and this is important to rural regions and for the supply of sustainable hardwood timber to the Australian market.