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- Q12. **What is your preferred method of contact?** Email
- Q13. **Would you like to receive further information and updates on IFOA and forestry matters?** No
- 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?**
See attached
- 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?**
See attached

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?

See attached

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)?

See attached

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

No - see attached

Q21. General comments

See attached

Q22. Attach your supporting documents (Document 1)

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Q23. Attach your supporting documents (Document 2)

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Q24. Attach your supporting documents (Document 3)

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**Submission of Objection
Proposed changes to Coastal timber harvesting rules**

Central West Environment Council (CWEC) is an umbrella organization representing conservation groups and individuals in central west NSW working to protect the local environment for future generations.

We are very concerned about the direction being taken in the management of the important ecological values of native forests in NSW. The proposed changes demonstrate that native forests are over-harvested and cannot supply contracts without the erosion of existing environmental protections.

We strongly object to the proposed changes to the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA) for the following reasons:

1. The new IFOA abandons any semblance of ecologically sustainable forest management (ESFM)
2. The proposal to clearfell 140,000 hectares of coastal forests between Grafton and Taree is unsustainable and should not be considered
3. The 'remapping and rezoning' of old-growth timber for logging is a major retrograde step that will impact on significant habitat values in native forests

4. The reduction of headwater stream buffers will severely impact water quality and base flows to important waterways
5. The permitting of logging very large trees will interfere with the structure of native forest habitat
6. Doubling the intensity of logging in the 'selective harvesting zone' will cause significant loss of habitat values, including nearly half of the mapped high-quality koala habitat in state forests. It will also limit the opportunity for regrowth of different timber cohorts.

The Natural Resources Commission report highlighted that the number of jobs and mills has collapsed and logging now accounts for about 0.03% of primary industries employment. This will get worse as climate change and forest dieback make future timber resources increasingly uncertain.

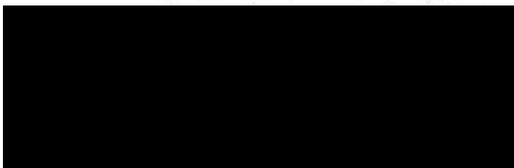
Overlogging has reduced sawlog resources throughout coastal NSW, a fact recognised by the industry itself.

Destroying what is left of the ecological values of state forests and logging protected areas to meet wood supply is not the action of a responsible Government.

We urge the NSW Government conduct a review of the logging industry considering climate change, conservation, socio-economic issues and support for the logging industry, as recommended in Ewan Waller's report into the Regional Forestry Agreements.

Positive proposals such as the Great Koala National Park should be taken up. It is appalling that the iconic Koala is threatened with extinction in NSW. This proposed attack on key Koala habitat is reprehensible.

The proposed changes to the IFOA should be abandoned as ecologically unsustainable and threatening to a large number of declining Australian wildlife.



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