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- Q9. **Stakeholder type - Other**
not answered
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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?** Yes
- Q16. **What parts of the draft Coastal IFOA are most important to you? Why?**
Water Habitat Ecotourism Best use of our forested estate for taxpayer and natural communities
- 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?**
Convert the focus on Forest use from Timber to Water, Wildlife and Ecotourism

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?

Use of the forests primarily for wood production. Wood chipping is operating on an unsustainable rotation length. If the proper values of lost water, soil, habitat and greenhouse emissions are considered in the equation Forest management needs to change radically away from production of wood fibre as its primary aim to forest protection for the above values as primary aim and wood production as secondary. The use of these forests as a source of employment and value for the taxpayer will be far better served with minimum impact industry like tourism and water production .

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)?

this is a confusing question. Operational scales would have to be scaled down dramatically to ensure permanent environmental protection

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

If the IFOA is based on genuine peer reviewed science then it could be very effective. Unfortunately in my experience politics been the great undoer of such innovative management.

Q21. General comments

It is my opinion based on 60 years involvement with forests, that our forest resource has been squandered on a myopic focus on timber production. Ecotourism is a massive industry in Europe. Our forests are unique and a virtually untapped resource. The rise of mountain bikes and ebikes is only one aspect of our forests that can draw badly needed money from the Superannuation funds into poverty stricken country towns. Consideration must be given to the honest economic values produced by competing interests before decisions are made. Politicians should be forced to abide by the findings of independent studies.

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
