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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?**  
The reduction of buffers in headwater streams from 10 metres to five metres The removal of specifications for threatened species protections The removal of the need to look for and protect koalas prior to logging Establishment of a 140,000 ha intensive clearfell area between Grafton and Taree.
- 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?**  
None, this plan is unacceptable in its current form and should be withdrawn.

**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?**

The reduction of buffers in headwater streams from 10 metres to five metres. This reduction of the buffers zone will significantly increase the amount of erosion running into water catchment areas. This buffer zone should be instead increased to 15 metres. The removal of specifications for threatened species protections, this section should be removed all threatened species should be protected. The removal of the need to look for and protect koalas prior to logging. No logging should be allowed in any area without first identifying that there are no koalas in this area. Establishment of a 140,000 ha intensive clearfell area between Grafton and Taree. This is unacceptable, in the twenty first century we should not be doing any clear felling in any forest in Australia. We know how destructive this is to the environment and ecological systems. Clearfelling should be made illegal and anyone/company caught doing this should face long prison terms and large fines.

**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)?**

I see them as ineffective, I see large scale clearfelling.

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

No it would not. There is clear evidence of clearfelling, this is not sustainable, it is catastrophic to the environment and ecological systems.

**Q21. General comments**

We need timber, the timber companies should be planting vast timber plantations to support the timber industry. This would create more jobs and long term supply of timber for all of our needs. If any timber harvesting is needed the short term, then selective tree taking should be permitted in state forests. If the timber industry can not comply with this then they should not be allowed near any state forest. The attached photo shows what is happening to our state forests, public native forest that was clearfelled in Lorne SF west of Port Macquarie. NSW Government silvaculture manuals say there will be no such clearing, termed single-tree selection, of native forests should occur. I find such destruction unacceptable, this practice should be stopped immediately.

**Q22. Attach your supporting documents (Document 1)**

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**Q23. Attach your supporting documents (Document 2)**

not answered

**Q24. Attach your supporting documents (Document 3)**

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