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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?** Yes
- Q14. **Can the EPA make your submission public?** Yes, but anonymous
- 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 greatly concerned that the national, state, and local governments will not have the authority they need to protect our forests from being cut down by landowners who are far more interested in short-term profits than long-term protection of our biodiversity. The koalas in my area, which are heavily threatened and endangered, are being negatively affected by thoughtless over-development, thanks to landowners who appear to be beyond the monitoring and control of any governmental body. Protecting threatened and endangered species and strong local controls are needed. I do not see why "wood supply" is an important goal, especially when the wood is being supplied not for local building purposes but for sending products overseas. We should not be destroying our forests in order to send the wood overseas. What's going on now at Limpinwood is a disgrace.

**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?**

Stated goals of identifying specific trees for protection, koala monitoring, and more thoughtful plans for harvesting trees are all good. But I have been extremely disappointed in the way the national, state, and local authorities attend to biodiversity in my area. The oversight has been quite lax, so if the same kinds of policies are put in place with this plan, that will not be good enough.

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**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 believe the plan is based on faulty assumptions that the restrictions and protections that are to be put in place will actually be enforced. To me, much of what is in the plan pays lip service to biodiversity but will not actually protect our forests and the habitats within them on which so much wildlife depends. "Sustainable timber" is a vague term that has little meaning, so at this point, I can't tell what the result of the IFOA will actually be to the forests and habitats that are of interest to me.

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**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)?**

So-called strong environmental protections were put in place in my area by the NSW government (e.g., Billinudgel Nature Reserve), but the state government, supported by the federal Dept of Environment, has allowed egregious development in the area that is having negative effects. So I have little confidence that "permanent environmental protections" will have any meaning at all in the face of determined, wealthy, politically-connected developers.

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

I am not at all sure whether this plan will be effective. As I said, much will depend on the will and capacity of the authorities to enforce the restrictions that will be put in place. At this point, I have grave doubts that proper enforcement will take effect.

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**Q21. General comments**

Our endangered and threatened species should take priority over sending wood products overseas so that a few people can make a lot of money exploiting our natural resources.

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**Q22. Attach your supporting documents (Document 1)** not answered

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**Q23. Attach your supporting documents (Document 2)** not answered

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**Q24. Attach your supporting documents (Document 3)** not answered

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