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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, 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 very concerned about the proposal to renew and modify the IFOA. Already in my region forestry has commenced works that they have no authority to commence and breached their regulations. Although this has been reported to the EPA the EPA has such limited resources that they can't enforce the rules. Given this is the case there is little hope that future rules can be enforced. It is more important now than ever to recognise that the world has changed, it is no longer appropriate to bring down great forests under the guise of meeting commitments to the forestry industry which really doesn't support very much employment, and is out of touch with the desires of the community. The community prefers forests to be preserved for aesthetic value, carbon sinking, tourism, and leisure. All of these values are destroyed when the forest is selectively logged - a term which brings great comfort to consumers but no genuine benefit to the forest which is denuded in the process. Preserve forests as breeding grounds for all species that live there, and form part of the natural habitat that koalas need before they become extinct. Therefore the forests must be protected and the NSW government must change its position on harvesting forests which is an initiative that is funded by tax payers when the shortfall is met. The forests must be kept intact to retain soil and provide streams that drain into rivers and keep soil moisture in the soil to prevent dry conditions that lead to bushfires. The habit of clearfelling must end throughout NSW. There are more jobs in protecting forests than cutting them down. Plantation forests on dedicated plantation allotments create more jobs than denuding a landscape and leaving it alone for 30 years to do its best after the conditions that grow a forest are destroyed and burnt. The funds that are spent on propping up the forestry industry would be much better spent on developing seedling nurseries and soil improvement for allocated plantations. Queensland has done it - why hasn't New South Wales? I have been monitoring the action in the forests and raising my concerns with the EPA and Forestry Corp - I am very worried that court cases which challenge the legality of these irresponsible practices are going to cost the NSW State Government a lot of money that completely defeats any potential gain from the barbaric act of taking down the forest. I urge you to change these practices immediately.

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?

I can't see how leaving a log in a denuded forest or a 10m per hectare stand of forest does anything useful whatsoever.

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 mapping looks like it is being used to expand more areas that can be culled. The IFOA in its entirety has no relevance in today's society. We need to be looking towards alternatives to these practices that are responsible - destroying natural habitat is no longer a practice in keeping with today's society. The NSW State Government needs to change this position immediately or be held accountable.

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)?

Not enough is being proposed to have any genuine effect.

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

NO - because the NSW State government has taken forestry on private land out of the governance of the EPA which means that the entire state is now open to being culled where trees stand on private land, and, the EPA itself is so under resourced it cannot possibly observe or commit to upholding the values presented in the proposal. As a citizen it has been down to me to go to the local compartment and measure trees and report breaches to the EPA - there are not even any staff present to come and see for themselves what is going on. How is that effective management?

Q21. General comments

Seeing the extent of existing plans, and the proposed future plans, coupled with the removal of private land to a new entity and new laws that stop people from being able to speak out, I am very very concerned. Timber felling in state forests is no longer an appropriate activity. I have been monitoring the action in the forests and raising my concerns with the EPA and Forestry Corp - I am very worried that court cases which challenge the legality of these irresponsible practices are going to cost the NSW State Government a lot of money that completely defeats any potential gain from the barbaric act of taking down the forest. I urge you to change these practices immediately.

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