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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

**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 used to live on Sydney's northern peninsula with koalas in the trees who occasionally roamed onto our deck by mistake. We encroached into their area with dogs and cats. The native animals must be gone by now. Now I live in Coffs Harbour where identified koala habitat is always under threat. I am horrified at both the location and the size of the areas that are proposed for logging and clear-felling. We've pushed wildlife into reserve areas without a lot of buffer, and the reduction in size of riparian zones, for one, practically eliminates corridors. The buffers around the edges are shrinking, and there's nowhere else to go. I don't need to spell out what the effect will be on wildlife, and I don't need to spell out what the effect will be on the areas around the national parks and reserves. Others with scientific expertise are already doing that. I just want to add my support to those voices.

**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?**

A positive outcome? I think the only positive is that not everything is headed for the chop - yet.

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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?**

As I've said above, the loss of habitat, the loss of connectivity along waterways, and the loss of buffer zones are going to cause future problems. It isn't sustainable to keep taking "just a bit more" in order to fill contracts that were possibly over-committed (as were the water allocations some years ago).

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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)?**

I'm afraid there is no such thing as permanent. There are many good people and groups, including inside the government, who are doing their best to protect what we already promised to protect, but they are being overwhelmed by economic pressure to provide timber, almost no matter what.

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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?**

No, it's not effective when it's biting into protected areas and the bordering areas which were identified as necessary to buffer the protected zones. Every edge that is opened up puts more forest and its wildlife at risk. The timber industry isn't going to have the patience to wait for trees to reach the size of some of the ones they have their sights set on now.

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**Q21. General comments**

I know other people have plenty of documentation to submit, and I support their lengthy research into the subject. There is a general distrust of expertise, I'm afraid, and we are going to regret it.

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

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

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

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