

5. Forestry business version 2

I have a primary processing business/ forestry/ consultancy business/ harvest and haulage business in the forestry industry and wish to make a submission on the draft Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (IFOA).

The continuation of forestry operations is important to me as my business depends on a sustainable long term forest industry both from state forests and private forests. The IFOA while important for ensuring environmental values are retained, the continual encroachment with complex prescriptions and regulation is contracting the area available for Forestry Corporation NSW to harvest every year.

The points I wish to make concerning the remake of the IFOA are as follows:

While I recognise that the remake of the IFOA has considerable failings it is important that sustainable harvesting continue in state forests as it supports 22,000 people employed in the industry in NSW and is vital for the social and economic fabric of rural and regional towns.