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EPA,

Coastal Integrated Forestry Operation Approvals.

I am writing in opposition to the changes proposed by the NSW Government to the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operation Approvals.

I have been an active environmentalist for over 40 years and have never in that time seen as much wholesale deterioration in environmental protection as has occurred in the short time that this Liberal government has been in power.

These changes represent a substantial reduction in environmental protection and a serious threat to our native forests, wildlife and water courses. The just released IPCC report on the world's climate has highlighted the dire straits that the world's well being is in, but here we have the potential to create more devastation to add to that which is already occurring.

Governments of all persuasions have to make a stance and achieve an improvement in the protection of nature and the environment or our very way of life will deteriorate at a very rapid rate.

Maintaining a timber industry from our native forests is not viable and has been shown to be so now for many years. Some logging is desirable and necessary but it must be fully controlled, including surveys for threatened species and habitat, exclusion zones and in particular steeply sloping land. These surveys must be undertaken by independent surveyors.

Conditions must be maintained on the intensity of logging otherwise clear felling will occur and allow massive invasion of weeds and exotic species.

I call upon the NSW Government to abandon this ill considered plan to weaken protection for our native forests and wildlife.

Doug Stuart