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Remake of the Coastal IFOAs
Environment Protection Authority
Level 12, PO Box A290
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Dear Sirs,

re : Discussion Paper – Remake of Coastal IFOAs

The Gloucester Environment Group has several concerns relating to the proposed changes in the above discussion paper, including the following :

- Our water supply is already under threat from various mining proposals in the area, and the removal of the prohibition on logging on steeply sloping land has the potential to increase soil erosion and cause water pollution, with the probability of weed invasion and threat to wildlife corridors.
- We do not agree with any proposal that would weaken protection for our vulnerable native plants and animals, and it is our belief that it is essential that a pre-logging survey of threatened species be required.
- The removal of restrictions on intensive logging operations opens the way for widespread clearfelling of native forests, which should not be permitted.
- The maintenance of forest health, including of management of invasive weeds and forest dieback is not adequately addressed within the discussion paper.

We believe that the proposed changes are ill-conceived, and call upon the NSW Government to abandon this plan, and to maintain a high level of protection for our native forests and wildlife.

Yours faithfully,

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