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Remake of the Coastal IFOAS  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Submission on the Remake of the Coastal IFOAs Discussion Paper**

Thank you for the opportunity to have input on the IFOA Discussion Paper. The extension in time for comment is appreciated as I have been in an area where electronic communication was very spasmodic.

I support the NSW Forest Product Association's submission and in particular the proposal to create a single FOA document with a simplified and rationalised structure. I also very much support the intent to focus on an outcome based approach.

Over the past 40 or so years the political methodology for sustainable forest activity has been an over emphasis on the preservation of the estate. For a period of some 50,000 years our ecology evolved through disturbance, albeit mostly by fire. The science has shown that ecological sustainable harvesting emulates that disturbance and the quality of the stands are enhanced as a result. For example the previous SFs of Whian Whian, Pine Creek and She Oak. By unnecessarily excluding areas from management, we could be losing/changing that biodiversity that it is stated is being "saved".

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John Macgregor-Skinner'.

John Macgregor-Skinner