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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?	Yes

Q16. What parts of the draft Coastal IFOA are most important to you? Why?

All of it is important because all of it is bad news for flora and fauna. All of the area around me is slated for intensive logging and clear felling. This will degrade the diversity of these forests for no good purpose.

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?

There is no positive outcome from this agreement. Timber workers need to be transitioned out of logging state forests and moved into plantation forests or other industries. The forests we have need to be protected and allowed to do their job of being habitat for endangered animals, filtering and buffering water flows, and being sinks for CO2.

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?

Everything in the Draft IFOA will lead to negative outcomes. The redrawing of maps to alter old growth forest to be not old growth will ensure that none of it ever becomes old growth. Clearing to only 5 metres of waterways will increase sediment runoff and destroy river fauna. Intensive logging will destroy diversity and ruin fragile soils. Clear felling will dry out the soil and lead to erosion and loss of top soil. Relaxing requirements for endangered flora and fauna surveys will mean we don't even know what we are losing.

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)?

The current situation of protections are clearly not working and the proposed changes will make it worse. We need to be creating more National Parks. We need to be closing off State forests to commercial logging operations. We need to be promoting programs for reforestation to repair our damaged ecosystem, not planning to log them to death.

Q20. In your opinion, would the draft Coastal IFOA be effective in managing environmental values and a sustainable timber industry? Why?

The draft IFOA will not be effective in managing environmental values and will not manage a sustainable timber industry. It will do the opposite. The current forest agreements have been shown to be a complete failure. It is basically a government subsidy to Boral to destroy our forests. The environmental standards have been relaxed so far that they are useless. They are not fit for purpose. A sustainable timber industry would use plantation timber, like most of the industry already does. The logging of State forests is ecological vandalism.

Q21. General comments

I live in this area because of the beautiful natural environment. I do not want to see it seriously degraded for a short term gain when, with only a little imagination, we could establish a Great Koala Park and use the remaining State forests to protect our endangered wildlife and plants. I feel very strongly about this issue.

Q22. Attach your supporting documents (Document 1)

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Q23. Attach your supporting documents (Document 2)

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Q24. Attach your supporting documents (Document 3)

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