

SUBMISSION TO THE REMAKE OF THE COASTAL INTEGRATED FORESTRY OPERATIONS APPROVALS (IFOA)
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I, Lexie Ann Hurford of [REDACTED] Ballina NSW, wish to make this submission in response to the public consultation.

2 The objectives of the IFOA remake are clearly stated along with a commitment to "no net change to wood supply and no erosion of environmental values".

Wood Supply: The forest industry is a major contributor to the economy of the Northern Rivers region of NSW and contributes to the general well-being of our community. Any changes to legislation that make forest harvesting and production more cost effective while continuing to protect those parts of the native forest that are environmentally important, is always welcomed.

Environmental Values: The rationale behind IFOAs is that forest conservation values are best protected by setting aside forest in reserves. What provision is there for existing and future monitoring of these values?

8 The overly prescriptive nature of regulations of the approved harvesting of timber does not result in good silvicultural or environmental outcomes. A reduction in the number of licence conditions, removal of duplication and reduction in their prescriptive nature will lead to greater clarity and standardization.

10. The NSW Government through the EPA should as a priority take the opportunity for the introduction, management and maintenance of a landscape scale strategic forest monitoring system that is designed using sound scientific principles for use across all land tenures.

I endorse the submission from the NSW Forest Products Association

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