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Coastwatchers submission to public consultation for draft Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals (IFOA)

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Michael Hood
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Dear Mr Hood

The Coastwatchers Association Inc has a paid membership of over 125 members centred around the South Coast towns of Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. These towns are in close proximity to state forests. The hills behind Batemans Bay, Malua Bay and Mogo tourist village were all recently logged with follow-up burns still to be completed close to townships.

In this area nature tourism is a major industry with a [recent survey](#) demonstrating that the south coast of NSW has more visitors than the Gold Coast.

Coastwatchers endorses The Wilderness Society's position on Review of the Draft Coastal IFOA as detailed in the following page.

Yours sincerely

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Joslyn van der Moolen
Secretary for the Coastwatchers Association



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Coastwatchers Submission Endorsing the Wilderness Society's Position on the draft coastal IFOA remake as follows: 12 July 2018

The NSW government has recently announced its intention to drastically weaken the logging rules (Integrated Forestry Operations Approval—IFOA) to remove numerous protections for NSW's threatened species, koalas, old growth & rainforest and waterways.

Coastwatchers requests that you stop these changes and:

1. Recognise that the Regional Forest Agreements have failed to deliver environmental protection or industry security.
2. Recognise that the benefits of non-timber forest values are vital for the future of regional economies and ecosystems.
3. Establish the Great Koala National Park as an immediate priority.
4. Commit to a just transition out of native forest logging on public land and the transfer of public forests to protected areas when the RFAs expire.
5. Ensure that public forests are managed for the public good (ie: tourism, environmental repair, carbon sequestration and storage, wildlife habitat, provision of clean and abundant water).
6. Stop planning to log areas protected as habitat for threatened species, Koalas, old growth forest, rainforest and stream buffers.
7. Stop increasing logging intensity and legalising clearfell logging along the coast of NSW.
8. Stop propping up the native forest logging industry at the cost of species extinction, logging dieback, reduced stream flows and water quality decline and sustainable forest based jobs.
9. End the logging of public native forests and complete the transition of the timber industry to 100% plantations.
10. Transfer all existing subsidies from native forest logging into native forest restoration.