

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

DEAR SIR/MADAM,

REGARDING NEW NATIONAL PARKS FOR RIVER RED GUM:

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SAVING THE FEW REMAINING RIVER RED GUMS HAS BECOME AN ISSUE OF DEBATE STILL.

THIS GENERATION WOULD HAVE A LOT TO ANSWER FOR IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT SAVING THE FEW WE HAVE LEFT. ESPECIALLY THE GOVERNMENT IN POWER WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING AFTER OUR COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE.

YOU SEE ON T.V. PEOPLE STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF RED GUMS SAYING THERE IS PLENTY FOR LOGGING. IT'S EASY TO SEE THEY HAVE NOT LOOKED AT THE BIG PICTURE AT OUR DRY CONTINENT TO SEE THE SMALL PERCENTAGE OF AN AREA THAT THE RIVER RED GUMS POSSESS, WHICH IS ALSO SO VITAL FOR THAT AREA ALONG OUR RIVER BEING VITAL FOR THE WELL BEING OF THAT RIVER.

I SERIOUSLY WONDER AT THE MENTALITY OF THESE PEOPLE WHO WILL PLUNDER A PRODUCT UNTIL

"IT'S NOT WORTH GOING THERE MATE, CAN'T MAKE A CRUST OF GETTING ANY MORE TIMBER IN THAT AREA"

ESPECIALLY HIS FAMILY WONDERING "WHY ARE WE GOING THERE FOR A PICNIC OR CAMP" THERE'S NOTHING THERE ~~NO~~ BIRDS, WILDLIFE AND A RIVER OR BILLABONG THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING IN IT"

Some of my family have just had an awe inspiring holiday coming down from the coast inland from Kurumba on the Gulf of CARPENTARIA following the NATIONAL PARKS through the centre of our continent to MILDURA our home.

We followed groups of thousands of migrating Woodswallows (all species) following the river systems (and locusts) in August, September this year. We arrived at Mildura early October, just when they did on a lot of them.

This Murray is one of their most southernmost points they come to feed & breed.

This species is not alone in this.

What happens if at the end of their migration that they find no or little trees or underlying shrubs to get their food or old trees to breed?

Is this what we want in Australia?

Yours Sincerely
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