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Sent: Thursday, 22 October 2009 7:29 PM
To: Avtar Singh
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Subject: River Red Gums and their importance.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to state my sadness that in New South Wales we are continuing to contemplate the destruction of River Red Gums along the Murrumbidgee and Darling Rivers in the south-west part of the State. This part of Australia is regarded as being in the most danger of environmental collapse and the continued logging of the iconic River Red Gums is contributing to the fate of this river system. We now know that felling of native forest is the most dangerous step we can take in terms of ecological degradation and climate change. I believe that the only discussion over this issue should relate to the steps we can take to ensure indigenous representation in the management of the National Parks which should be declared along these rivers before it is too late to save them for ever.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Connor.