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To: Felicity Calvert

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Dear Commissioners,

I am disappointed that your Preliminary Report has failed to address the national reserve criteria or the precautionary principle.

I urge you to recommend:

1. Extensive new Red Gum National Parks because:

- \* Under the national reserve criteria Red Gum is a vulnerable ecosystem that needs a 60% reservation target
- \* Red Gum forests are vital refuges for plants and animals in a rapidly warming world
- \* National Parks are crucial to ecosystem resilience

2. Joint management of new National Parks because:

- \* Red Gum forests are living cultural landscapes that provide bush foods & medicines and contain many cultural sites
- \* Traditional Owners hold critical ecological knowledge and have cultural obligations to care for country
- \* Joint Management brings new employment opportunities for Aboriginal communities

3. Much improved environmental water flows to ensure the health of Red Gum into the future

4. A fair restructure package for individuals and businesses affected by the changes.

Thankyou,