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Forests Assessment Natural Resources

Commission

Dear Sirs

I am extremely concerned about the poor health of the Murrumbidgee and Murrumbidgee River environments.

The red gum forests which are vital refuges for plants and animals are dying from lack of water. This will become worse as the climate warms.

Everything should be done to save our old growth forests which are invaluable in absorbing carbon from the atmosphere.

These forests should become national parks where they will be properly protected.

Provision of aboriginal ownership of new national parks where ever sought by traditional owners should be addressed.

There should be delivery of much improved water flows to ensure the health of the red gums into the future while there is provision of a fair exit package for water users such as agriculture.

Yours sincerely

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