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We have caused awful destruction to our country over the last 200 years and it seems that in this age of scientific reason and mass information we could go some way towards slowing down the damage we inflict.

How can you consider your report as accurate when you haven't even considered the impact of logging or the impact of global warming on the survival of species? Surely wildlife corridors linking the habitats in the region should be of vital concern.

There should be extensive new Red Gum National Parks to protect these vulnerable ecosystems. Once these areas are destroyed there are **NO MORE RED GUM FORESTS** like this anywhere! They are a vital refuge for plants and animals in a rapidly warming world.

There should be a proper scientific assessment of the conservation values of River Red Gum forests. If this was done we would be able to make educated decisions based on the true value of these unique ecosystems not just the short term dollar amount we can get from logging and farming.