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Sent: Friday, 23 October 2009 3:48 PM

To: Avtar Singh

Subject: Red gums

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in respect to the River Red Gum assessment conducted by the Natural Resources Commission.

The steady deterioration of biodiversity along the Murray has been apparent for many years. These once great forests have been over logged and starved of water. They need to be protected.

I am very concerned that the assessment has not been thorough as there has not been a deterioration proper scientific assessment of the conservation values of River Red Gum forests in the study area. The impact of logging on ecosystems has not been considered and CSIRO findings that Large protected areas are vital to the survival of species in a warming world have been ignored.

I am asking that you consider the vulnerability of the Red Gum ecosystem in your next report. There is a large amount of evidence that a 60% reservation target is needed.

Regards, Tara Cameron