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Forests Assessment
Natural Resources Commission
GPO Box 4206
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Submission re Regional Assessment of the Riverina River Red Gum Forests

Dear Sir/Madam

In light of the current awareness of climate change and environmental degradation caused by human activity, we welcome your assessment of the Riverina bioregion.

We would like to request that all possible steps be taken in the shortest possible period of time to create extensive new Red Gum National Parks and to cease logging immediately.

The current logging practices seem extraordinarily economically inefficient – a small amount of jobs, and low value outputs. A report has shown that River Red Gum logging runs at a loss in NSW.

Unfortunately, our current economic and accounting systems so far are unable to realistically place a value on healthy ecosystems. However, the value of a healthy river system to the community as a whole, must be immense and produce far better, albeit incalculable and indirect, dollar outcomes than the current impoverished environment.

It is vital to restore the biodiversity of this ecosystem and we implore you to take all possible steps to start reversing the destructive environmental impacts of human activity in this region over the last couple of centuries.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Kerr
Secretary
Northern Beaches Greens