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Forests Assessments
Natural Resources Commission
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Dear Natural Resources Commission

Re: River Red Gum Assessment

Protection of the Red Gum Forests is vital if we are to maintain these very environmentally significant areas into the future. These forests contain a range of endangered species, provide an important breeding ground for migratory birds and play a crucial role in protecting the health of the Murray River.

Climate change, over allocation of water for agriculture, over-logging and grazing have resulted in these areas being under enormous stress.

The creation of a National Park incorporating all Reg Gum State Forest areas is long overdue, and should strongly considered as a central recommendation from your assessment.

Yours sincerely

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