

Forests Assessment  
Natural Resources Commission  
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Sydney NSW 2001



20 August 2009

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in regards to the River Red Gum Assessment which I understand the Natural Resources Commission is making at the moment.

There are a number of factors which I would like you to consider during your assessment. Firstly, the Red Gum forests have a vital role to play in the protection of the Murray River which is already in a poor state as you probably know. Also, these forests are the natural habitat of a number of endangered species and breeding ground for birds in migration. Finally, they are the largest remaining Red Gum forests in the world and are a national icon.

It is important to note that at the moment the trees are in poor condition due to climate change issues, such as logging and over irrigation issues, and need to be protected to ensure their survival.

Therefore, I will urge you to establish a National Park to replace the logging efforts in the NSW region. A number of studies in NSW and Victoria have shown that creation of such parks are likely to create employment and therefore will be a positive move for the economy.

You can obtain more information at: [www.wilderness.org.au/rrr](http://www.wilderness.org.au/rrr)

Yours sincerely

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is "Alan Hurdle" and the second is "Anea Hurdle".

Alan and Anea Hurdle