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Thursday 20th August 2009

The Chairman
Forests Assessments
Natural Resources Commission
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Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Red Gum Forests

I am concerned for the future of our Red Gum Forests of the Murray and Riverina. As I travel through these forests I continually see the destruction of much of the significant trees and other vegetation all for the financial gain of a few. The products that are extracted are low quality and in many cases can be substituted with other products that are much more environmentally sustainable. Sleepers can be made from concrete or plantation timber while saw dust and other cast off materials again from plantation timber can be used for mulch and composite timbers. The bigger and older trees are the ones taken by the timber getters. These are the ones that are essential for bird food sources, nesting and socialising and required for possums, goannas etc. It takes many years for these beautiful trees to reach maturity. To be cut down in their prime is an environmental shame. Mankind has destroyed so much of our world's environment. We should be learning from our past mistakes. Please protect the last of these unique forests for the protection of our native fauna and for the enjoyment of our future generations.

Barry Allen

