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Forests Assessment
Natural Resources Commission
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Dear Natural Resources Commission

Re: River Red Gum Assessment

These trees are in a very stressed state from climate change, logging, grazing and over irrigation. Up to 75% is either stressed dead or dying. It is imperative they are recognised as vulnerable vegetation.

Nationally recognised criteria require 60% of remaining vegetation in vulnerable vegetation communities be protected. The most sensible way to do this is the creation of new National Parks across the entire River Red Gum State Forest.

I urge you to make new National Parks the central recommendation from your assessment of the forests.

The River Red Gum Forests play a vital part in the health of the Murray River. They provide a home to endangered animals and are an important breeding site for migratory birds.

As an older Australian I am most concerned that the River Red Gums are not protected in a National Park. Please think of our future generations and protect the River Red Gum Forests by making new National Parks.

Yours faithfully

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