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Dear Natural Resources Commission,

The protection of River Red Gum Forests is critical to conserve their well recognized environmental values including large areas which are listed as internationally significant under the Ramsar Convention.

Water stress has led up to 75% of trees becoming either stressed, dead or dying. Therefore, they must be recognized as vulnerable vegetation.

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

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

Economic modeling and the Victorian experience has already shown this will also be the best possible outcome for the regional economy and could create many more jobs than are currently supported by the timber industry.

Please see wilderness.org.au/rrr for more information.

Sincerely,
Carol L Collins

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