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Dear Natural Resources Commission,

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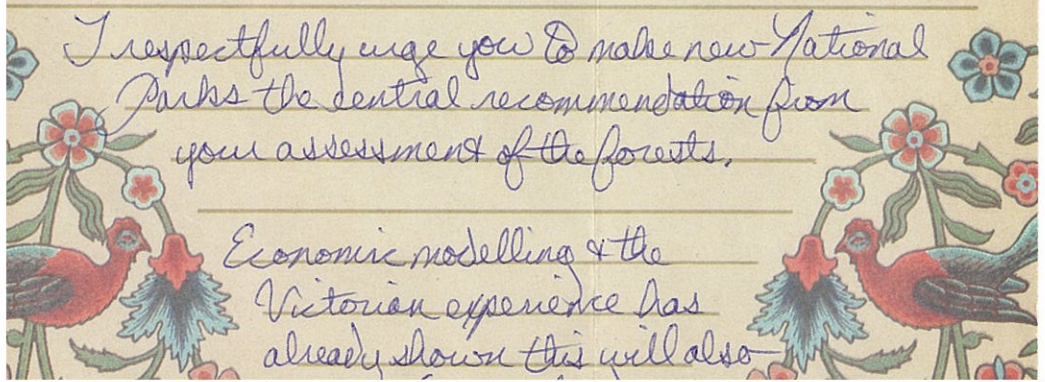
I am writing to politely urge you to protect the River Red Gum Forests. These forests are environmentally valuable & large areas of these forests are listed as internationally significant under the Ramsar Convention.

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

Economic modelling & the Victorian experience has already shown this will also



be the best possible outcome for the regional economy  
& could create many more jobs than are currently  
supported by the timber industry.

Please see [wilderness.org.au/r](http://wilderness.org.au/r) for more information.

I thank you for your time & kind attention.

Sincerely  
Denise Lytle

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