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**To:** Felicity Calvert  
**Subject:** Re: Survival of the Red Gum Forestry Industry

To Whom it May Concern

I wish to express my opinion (and the opinion of the majority of people in my area – Deniliquin NSW) regarding the closing of the red gum forests for logging. The logging industry employs several hundred people in this area who all contribute to keeping it alive and help keep services such as doctor dentist schools banks shops etc operating. We are in an ongoing drought (10 years at present) and we have seen enough people forced to leave the area without needing any more. Logging is a sustainable industry and has been operating for over one hundred years – I fail to see why now after such time there should be any reason to suggest closure – what has changed?

I also don't think there would be many people who would have enjoyed seeing the fires on black Saturday which would be a sure result if the forest was turned into National Park. Cant anybody see this? I wonder where these people who make these suggestions spend their time – I know it is not in our area but I wish they would make it their business to visit so they can understand what is really happening!

Kind regards,  
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