

Forest assessment

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Dear Natural Resources Commissions,

Knowing that you provide credible advice to the NSW Government and that you are undertaking an assessment of the River Red Gum Forests, it is crucial that you hear all voices supporting nature conservation.

I am a French student and an Australian nature lover, and I have decided to involve myself in the defence of your beautiful environment, well known all over the world.

I have learnt that the River Red Gum forests are magnificent eco-systems, play a role in the fight against global warming and provide habitat for at least 69 plants and animals threatened with extinction. They are also important in ensuring the health of the Murray River. However, not only are 75 per cent of trees stressed, dead or dying (because of lack of water caused by drought and over irrigation), the forests are being patch clear felled by logging. Clearly, the largest remaining River Red Gum forests, unique to the planet, need your help.

I am convinced that protecting the River Red Gums forests; is not only a civic duty, it is also a way of increasing economic activity and generating employment in the region, through tourism. All the more so since that currently, more than 95% of Red Gum that is logged is used only for extremely low value products such as firewood..

That is why I advocate for the creation of well managed new national park, respecting local communities and traditional owners.

I believe that protecting the key River Red Gum sites by making the area a National Park would ensure that the ecosystem would be less vulnerable to direct human impacts and as a result could establish some stability and equilibrium.

I really hope that you will take my submission into consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Martin Lippmann.

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