



Forests Assessments
Natural Resources Commission
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Dear Natural Resources Commission,
Re: River Red Gum Assessment

The River Red gum forests of the Riverina are islands of iconic remnants in one of the most poorly reserved regions in the country. They line the major rivers of the region, the Murray and Murrumbidgee and provide refuge habitats for hollow dependant species such as the Barking Owl and the Squirrel Glider. The Central Murray Red Gums are listed under the Ramsar convention as internationally significant wetland and are of vital cultural significance to indigenous Traditional Owners, who have never relinquished their sovereignty. Yet there is just one tiny nature reserve along the NSW side of the Murray.

Reserving a significant part of this precious area for National Parks is a must.

Yours sincerely,
Peter A