

**From:** Rachel Melrose  
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**To:** Felicity Calvert  
**Subject:** Red Gums

To the Natural Resource Commission,

River Red Gums are an ecosystem in crisis that are suffering irreparable damage from the combined impacts of industrial logging, reduced flooding regimes and intensive grazing. I have witnessed this myself in my own research and I am very concerned for the Red Gums considering the climatic changes that will put more pressure on these ecosystems in future.

I am writing to strongly urge you to:

- 1) Recommend extensive new Red Gum National Parks
- 2) Recognise that Red Gum is a vulnerable ecosystem and set it a 60% reservation target
- 3) Recognise that Red Gum forests are vital refuges for plants and animals in a rapidly warming world
- 4) Recommend Aboriginal ownership of new National Parks wherever sought by Traditional Owners
- 5) Recommend much improved environmental water flows to ensure the health of Red Gum into the future
- 6) Recommend a generous restructure package for individuals and businesses affected by the changes.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Melrose