

24/8/09

Forests Assessment

Natural Resources Commission

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Sydney

NSW 2001

Re: River Red Gum Assessment

Dear Natural Resources Commission,

This letter is in regards to the **River Red Gum forests** along the Murray River.

The Murray is such an important landscape and we really must turn around the degradation already suffered by the river and its forests and wetlands. We are in serious risk of losing important species forever.

The **superb parrot** (*Polytelis swainsonii*) for example is endemic to south western NSW, including Murray River red gum forests. The Superb parrot is listed as **vulnerable**, and uses tree hollows in **River Red Gum forests as nest sites**.

I urge to make new **National Parks** your recommendations from your assessments of the forest.

Sincerely,

Rita Fox