



24th August 2009

Forests Assessment
Natural Resources Commission
GPO Box 4206
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Natural Resources Commission

RE: RIVER RED GUM ASSESSMENT

I write to express my concern about the River Red Gum forests in south western NSW. The forests being assessed include the largest remaining red gum forests on earth, and play a vital role in protecting the health of the Murray, as well as providing habitat for endangered animals.

As you are aware, the prolonged drought has caused many problems for our wildlife, and anything we *can* do to mitigate their plight we *should* do. Replacing the current logging industry with national parks across the entirety of the region's state forests would be the best outcome for the environment and its wild creatures, and be a source for many new sustainable jobs in the region.

I urge you to make the new national parks the central recommendation from your assessment of the forests.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S.A. Sullivan".

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