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Subject: Red gum forests

Dear Natural Resources Commission,

Please ensure that our River Red Gums are protected in National Parks. These trees have become vulnerable through logging and water stress, and their value as a natural asset should be protected by the creation of National Parks. The protection of these trees in National Parks also gives our rivers a better chance of surviving the pressures they're experiencing. The Ramsar Convention has recognised the international significance of large tracts of River Red Gum communities. Please respect this listing, and allow Australians to do the right thing in conserving our natural heritage.

Logging these trees is well known to generate lots of money for a few rich people, not many jobs, and no sustainable economic outcomes. As you would know, economic modelling has shown that there are many more jobs in the creation of such National Parks, and they would boost the regional economy. Protecting the River Red Gums protects the Australian people, our environment and our future. Please make National Parks for River Red Gums your primary recommendation arising from the forest assessment process.

Yours sincerely
Thomas Colley

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