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Dear NRC, I would like to make a submission to the draft Terms of Reference for the NRC's assessment of the River Redgum forests of the south-west of NSW.

- a) Any assessment should factor in the effect of potential climate change on river flows and the subsequent effect on Redgum forest health. Other factors which effect viability of Redgum forest health eg extraction from rivers for irrigation and environmental flow regimes from storages should also be considered.
- b) The potential for some of any new reserves to be co-managed by local Aboriginal communities should be included .These people have a long and abiding concern for the health of these forests, and their knowledge and stewardship should be acknowledged.
- c) Any logging regime that remains after the assessment should avoid practices such as 'patch clearfelling'. This is an outmoded practice based on incorrect assumptions on how forests regenerate.
- d) Any assessment should ideally contain an assortment of reserves and loggable forests similar to the model put in place in the Brigalow Belt South/Nandewar decision of 2005.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Tim Scrace

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