

27/8/2009

Red Gum Forest Assessment

To the Commission

As a land holder of PNF (my home is situated along the Gulpa Creek Mathoura), I have great concern for my personal safety if the surrounding forest is changed to a National Park.

In my 77 years as a resident of Mathoura I have seen the forests grow through many stages. I believe they have been well managed and that is why no major fire has occurred to date. Too many trees left to fight for limited moisture will lead to many dying and then we face a potential threat to our wildlife and our town.

We also depend on the Timber Industry to provide employment for our local community as it has done since the settlement of Mathoura.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'V. O. Valuntas'.

Valerie Valuntas