

Forests Assessment
Natural Resources Commission
GPO Box 4206
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Natural Resources Commission

Re: River Red Gum Assessment

As a keen bushwalker who values our natural environment, I urge you to protect our national heritage through the creation of more National Parks under your assessment of the River Red Gums. The Murray River is an environment badly in need of protection & regeneration. The red gum forests provide habitat for many species of important & endangered fauna & are also essential to the health of the Murray River.

As a national icon & an important source of essential water to Eastern Australia, which will only become more precious in the event of climate change, everything should be done to protect the Murray & the creation of new National Parks is the best way to do this.

The creation of National Parks is also a much more sustainable source of jobs & economic activity than logging. The creation of jobs through environmentally sensitive tourism and National Parks is a winner for all: the environment, the economy and for the Australian people & future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. McCleary". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Vicky McCleary