

Subject: Red gum forests

Dear Natural Resources Commission,

The red gum forests are in a critical situation with 75% of tree either stressed, dead or dying. They are a vulnerable vegetation and require urgent action to protect them. I urge you to create new national parks which will also generate jobs for communities in those regions. The red gum forests are such a beautiful feature of the area bringing tourists to camp, swim, canoe and water ski along the banks of the river. I spent many years of my childhood riding my bike amongst the gums. The gums are also need to support the wildlife in the area and to maintain the quality of the earth.

Please make new national parks for the red gum forests a central recommendation from your assessment of the forests.

sincerely

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