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**From:** Zoe Melville  
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**To:** Felicity Calvert  
**Subject:** Red Gum Forests

Dear Natural Resources Commission,

It is with great sadness that I learn of the River Red Gum Forest's plight. The thought of 75% of the area's trees becoming sick and dying due to water stress is unacceptable, particularly after taking into consideration the devastating loss of wildlife that comes with it. The damage will be unimaginable if nothing is done, and the loss will be felt for generations. Logging high conservation value forests for low value products makes no sense, economically or morally.

The simple and achievable solution would be to declare the entire River Red Gum State Forest Estate as a National Park, and you have the power to make this happen by recommending this action in your assessment of the forests. Your Victorian equivalent saw fit to declare identical forests worthy of protection on their side of the border, with great success.

For the sake of not only the forest and all of its inhabitants, but for the regional economy, I urge you to make this recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

Zoe Melville

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