



# CITIZENS WILDLIFE CORRIDORS ARMIDALE INC

*landholders linking wildlife habitats*

Forests Assessment  
Natural Resources Commission  
GPO Box 4206  
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Dear Natural Resources Commission,

RE: River Red Gum Assessment

Citizens Wildlife Corridors Armidale Inc. is an 18 years old, not for profit charitable organisation dedicated to preserving, protecting, building and connecting wildlife habitat on the Northern Tablelands of NSW and elsewhere. We therefore are concerned about the parlous state of the River Red Gum Forests.

We recognise that the protection of River Red Gum Forests is critical to conserve their well recognised environmental values including large areas which are listed as internationally significant under the Ramsar Convention.

Water stress we are told has led to up to 75% of trees becoming either stressed, dead or dying. Therefore they must be recognised as vulnerable vegetation.

A criteria nationally recognised requires that 60% of remaining vegetation in vulnerable vegetation communities be protected so CWC thinks that the most sensible way to achieve this is to create new National Parks across the entire River Red Gum State Forest estate.

We urge you to make new National Parks the central recommendation from your assessment of the forests.

Economic modelling and the Victorian experience has already shown that this will also be the best possible outcome for the regional economy and could create many more jobs than are currently supported by the timber industry.

Please see [www.wilderness.org.au/rrr](http://www.wilderness.org.au/rrr) for more information.

Yours sincerely,

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President  
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