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Submission to the Natural Resources Commission regarding the Terms of Reference of the Commission's Red Gum Forests Assessment

The NSW Coalition is in broad agreement with the terms of reference as provided to the Natural Resources Commission by the NSW Premier's Office.

The bioregion that is the subject of this assessment has been logged using sustainable forestry practices for about 150 years. Historical sources indicate that this forestry has been beneficial to the overall health of red gum stands. As a result the area covered by red gums has substantially increased from that reported by the first European explorers.

The Coalition submits that the points that the Commission should have regard to should have added to them:

- The impact of past sustainable forestry practices on the health of red gums in the bioregion; and
- The impact on red gum forest health of being included in a National Park;

Thank you for consideration of this submission.

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