

Have your say! Be heard and say NO!

Write to - The Hon. Gavin Jennings,
Minister for Environment,
Climate Change and
Innovation

Address: Level 22, 50 Lonsdale St,
Melbourne VIC 3002

IF YOU DO NOTHING, THIS WHOLE
NIGHTMARE WILL ACTUALLY HAPPEN.
PLEASE ACT NOW.

Contact your local politician
C/- Parliament House
Spring St
East Melbourne VIC 3002

Donations

We are working towards a realistic and achievable alternative to the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council's draft proposals for the River Red Gum Forest Investigation.

As a non-profit conservation group, we need your help. Donations can be made at any Bendigo Bank branch in Victoria. Your contribution makes a huge difference.

Rivers and Redgum Environment Alliance

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Or post a cheque or money order to:
Rivers & Red Gum Environment Alliance
10 Murray Road, BENALLA VIC 3672

Alliance Members

- Australian Environment Foundation
- Victorian Farmers Federation
- Timber Communities Australia
- Red Gum Timber Producers
- Barmah Forest Preservation League
- Barmah Cattlemen's Association
- Sporting Shooters Association of Australia
- Field & Game Australia
- Gannawarra Shire
- Gunbower Island Forest Users Group
- Forest Products Association NSW
- Australian Deer Association
- Bangerang People
- Victorian Association of Forest Industries
- VR Fish
- Murray River Action Group
- Wakool Shire



Further Information

Contact the Rivers and Red Gum
Environment Alliance

Email info@rrgea.org

Website www.rrgea.org

Murray River Community Destruction Proposed



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Gum Environment Alliance



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How this will affect you:

The following lists just some of the results of the recommendations made by the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council (VEAC) in the River Red Gum Forests

- Access into Public Land along the river etc., many tracks and road ways will be severely restricted (estimate halved or worse).
- Impractical proposed overbank flooding of the Murray River every 5 years at a minimum cost of \$8 billion.
- Camp fires are banned in National Parks.
- Fishing access, 4 wheel driving, Camping, Hunting, Motor bike riding and Horse riding to be severely restricted.
- Dogs banned.
- 23 State Game Reserves Closed to hunting
- 90% of the State Forest area and river frontage to be converted to Parks and therefore lost to COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL USERS.
- Sustainable Cattle grazing to be banned.
- All farms with river frontage to be fenced off at farmers expense.
- Sustainable timber (red gum) harvesting area to be cut by 90%.
- The economic impact that would occur in local communities such as Koondrook, Picola, Nathalia, Cohuna, Yarrawonga, Echuca, Swan Hill and Mildura has been estimated at more than \$100 million per annum.

A quote from VEAC: *"At an individual level there are also a range of potential impacts of the loss of employment for individuals and their families including poverty and financial hardship, strains in family relationships, and intergenerational welfare dependency."*

VEAC River Red Gum Forests Investigation, p85.

What you can do:

It is VITAL that you do the following:

- Communicate your concerns widely.
- Write to your local Politician.
- Write to a Murray region Council.
- Display your sticker with pride!
- Donate to the Rivers and Red Gum Environment Alliance.

Many people mistakenly believe that National Parks are always a good thing. But tell those people that they cannot camp or walk their dog in areas they have been using for the last 20 years and you will get their attention.

Your local politician and councilors may not be the only members of the community unaware of the impacts of this VEAC ambush. Talk to everyone!

**This is YOUR Backyard
NOT VEAC or THE
GOVERNMENTS**