

Professor Graham Mitchell
Chair
River Red Gum Adaptive Management Scientific Advisory Committee
22 October 2015

Michael Wright
Head
NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

Dear Michael,

I write to provide you with an update from the recent River Red Gum Adaptive Management Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting held in Melbourne on 22 October 2015.

The SAC reviewed revisions to the Public Environment Report (PER) to be submitted to the Commonwealth Government related to the proposed Ecological Thinning Trial. The SAC notes that the Victorian Government has withdrawn from the trial and that the NSW Government now proposes to undertake the entire trial within the NSW Murray Valley NP. The SAC has previously endorsed the entire PER, trial design and monitoring plan.

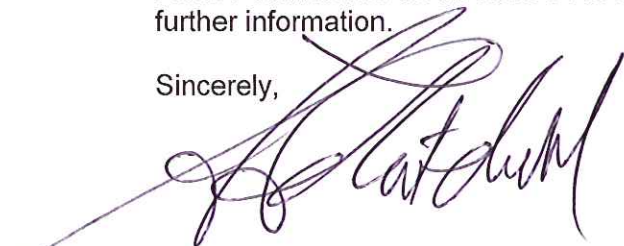
I can advise that the SAC endorsed the proposed changes to the PER.

The SAC was also provided with an update on the NSW Grazing Study and notes its progress.

The SAC agreed to meet again in early 2016 at Moama. It is expected that subject to the trial gaining the necessary approvals and completed works tendering, that red gum ecological thinning may be occurring at that time. After advising on and subsequently endorsing the trial design, it will be useful for the SAC to witness trial operations.

Please contact me on 03 9650 0116 or at graham.mitchell@foursight.com.au if you require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Mitchell', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Graham Mitchell