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ATTENTION SHARMAN STONE

Comments from Keith McRae, Grahamvale, to the Murray-Darling Plan hearing

What value is placed on human life in dollars and cents caused through the taking of irrigation water ~~taken~~ from farmers to the detriment of their farms and livelihoods.

I was born in Shepparton and worked all my life, I am 75, in the Goulburn Valley and Riverina and am currently involved in 5 irrigation districts in Victoria and New South Wales. It has come to my notice that an Owner and his Manager of a property in N.S.W. committed suicide from the stress of trying to carry on their farming business through the drought and lack of irrigation water.

I would like to see money provided to do research into the trauma of the irrigation farmers and business personel involved with irrigation works.

