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Re: Water Issues Paper – Murray Darling Basin

June, 2015

Water from Lake Eildon – built for irrigation.

We run Angus cattle and grow crops near Shepparton,

We have seen the modernization of our channels and farms over the past few years. This is great but it is usually the contractors benefiting financially not the farmers.

We have done farm water efficiency work on our farm, this has reduced the amount of water we can trade but not the amount of delivery shares that we have. So we are still stuck with a huge bill to pay, which is mainly paying for the infrastructure costs.

**We cannot sell or trade the Delivery Share amount, as no one else wants this cost.**

Note: during the drought we ran out of water for cattle to drink but we still had to pay for the water that we did not have.

Many of our neighbours stopped irrigating during the drought and are now not even using their farms for farming at all. This is largely due to increased cost of producing food from irrigation in this area.

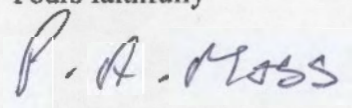
Could you also note that: the water going for the environment does not contribute financially to the delivery costs of this water, so this is an increased burden being carried by the reduced number of farmers using the irrigation system.

We are on a family farm that has been in my husbands family since the 1800's and we are still trying to pay back money owed from the drought. This seems to be impossible with rising costs, especially of water.

Please consider the points I have made in this letter.

**WE NEED A BETTER SYSTEM TO MAKE FARMING VIABLE IN THIS AREA.**

Yours faithfully



Trish Moss

