

OH 456/17 - Interview with Don Blackmore

TAPE 1, SIDE B - Future sustainability of irrigation

Ah, well with irrigation for a start, yes, I think there's got to be a vision because a very large proportion of the world's population are now fed, not by rain fed agriculture, but by relying on irrigation and the challenge for all countries, given our history in irrigation, which has really been the death knell of most communities because it's a highly invasive activity and polluting, is that we have to be able to manage irrigation in the Basin and I mean manage irrigation in a sustainable way. And we *will* and the only way we'll do that is to lift our level of performance, move to high value crops and higher levels of management. Easy to say, but it's really rewarding to see the extent to that's occurring. So I think in irrigated agriculture we'll start to see, we are seeing and will continue to see a very vibrant industry.