

Letter To Diggers Club journal  
Eco-colonialism  
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Dear Editor,

It is tiresome enough hearing Alan Savory praise himself, let alone others doing it.

Savory advocates an extreme form of eco-colonialism, to make all the worlds rangelands into dumbed-down copies of African grasslands.

Cows and grass, that is all he sees. Never mind the countless other species that form complex ecosystems, they can be stamped to extinction.

Holistic, timed, ( whatever his latest term ) cattle grazing is supposed to mimic the effect of herds of wildebeest thundering majestically across the plains.

Savory is quite sure that all grass species must be grazed to the ground or the land will turn to desert. Somehow the smashing effect of thousands of tons of animals will magically capture carbon too.

Don't mention the methane, the erosion, or the fallacious numbers

Perhaps his fantasy is true in lands where hooves, plants, microbes and soil coevolved.

That's not Australia, New Zealand or South America, but his epic promises are universal.

Savory guarantees to reverse climate change with Big Beef. He is as sure he is right as when he killed 20,000 elephants. There is no way but his.

Never mind the floods off hoof compacted land, the dead trees and bilbies or the frightful fires promoted by invasive African grasses.

A drone shot heavy doco with portentous music and a Hollywood actor promising simple salvation is not a reference.

These are real references

Holistic Management; Misinformation on the Science of Grazed Ecosystems - Carter, Jones, O'Brien

The Savory Method Can Not Green Deserts or Reverse Climate Change - Briske, Bestelmeyer, Brown

Holistic Management - Nordborg

Sierra Club - Christopher Ketchum Feb 23 2017

Terrastendo - Why Allan Savory is not a Saviour

Yours

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