



A scientist's perspective of the Carbon Grazing book

Alan's work is an excellent example of:

1. A grazier taking ownership of the science and writing in his own words – this is how scientists operate!
2. Holistic approach bringing together many scientific disciplines –very hard for a scientist to do, but a grazier must do it to be successful
3. Systems analysis understanding
 - flows not just stocks
 - very hard to think and observe unless you have the model in your head – Alan Lauder does!
4. The book is a group of hypotheses based on experience
 - they can be modelled and tested
 - good science
5. The book is a blend of observation and scientific enquiry and brings together fragments in an organised way
6. A revolution in thought – future graziers will see themselves as “managers of carbon”

Communication by CRC scientist Dr Greg McKeon (lead author of Qld Govt publication, Pasture Degradation And Recovery In Australia's Rangelands – learning from history) to Dr John Williams (former head of CSIRO Land and Water) on the day (6/12/2008) John launched the Carbon Grazing book at Brisbane City Hall.