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Hello Tony,

James Dodd is my name. i have studied indigenous farming for years. It did not involve irrigation and bizarrely it could be argued that the continent actually produced more prior to the introduction of European farming practices. Before broadscale agriculture which requires land clearing as its first step, a wide range of foods were harvested from existing plant stock. The bush food industry is so far netting 16 million a year. This figure could grow massively if people could be convinced that they can farm sustainably with far fewer inputs by incorporating fire into some areas of our farming practices. This has been the case for thousands of years and when we seek sustainability, the answers lie in land management practices of the past. A catalyst show last year proved that reintroduction of traditional fire regimes can reduce global warming and it enhances bush health, therefore increasing yield. We are trying to get blood out of a stone because the land is saying no to introduced crops which do not fall in line with our el nino and la nina cycles. I agreed with everything that you said on the airwaves today but I am still waiting to see someone recognise 60,000 years, not just the 200 year long experiment which has clearly caused untold damage to all aspects of the Australian environment. It also came out today that we rank in the top ten internationally of the most unsustainable agricultural economies.

Inland towns need a reeducation. They are not necessarily doomed, they just need a more inclusive historical view.

All the best, and keep up the awesome work.