

Dear Dr. Hargreaves,

Thank you again for editing this manuscript. We have now completed all your requested revisions.

### Major Revision

**Topical Editor Decision: Publish subject to minor revisions (review by editor)** (22 Jun 2020) by [Julia Hargreaves](#)

Comments to the Author:

The manuscript is getting quite close to being acceptable now.

In the main text, please move the Code and data availability section to the correct place in the manuscript (after Conclusions). I noticed that there should be an "s" on the last word of section 14.2 so please correct that and go through and look for other grammatical errors. The manuscript will be copyedited but the more mistakes we catch now, the fewer there should be in the final version.

At GMD, Appendices are included in the main manuscript not in the Supplement. You therefore need to change the labels on the sections of the supplement. Maybe S1, S2 etc rather than Appendix A,B,...

Please explain the provenance of the presently labelled section Appendix E in the Supplement. There is a page within this Appendix that refers to previous versions of the document and the style is that of an internal report. This makes me think it is actually a CSIRO internal report. If this is the case, the authors of the report need to be listed and their permission gained to the report to be included in the supplement and I would prefer this to be uploaded as a separate standalone file in the Supplement, in its original format.

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Changes to the manuscript:

1. Moved code and data availability to after the conclusions.
2. Thorough read to hunt out grammatical errors.
3. References to Appendix changed to Supplement. There are now no Appendices in the main document.
4. CSIRO does have reports which are held in a publication repository, but Section 5 of the supplementary material has never been submitted to this repository. I too would prefer this to be a separate document and so now have a zip file with two file: the first containing E1-4, and the second E5, the skill assessment report.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Baird