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Mapping groundwater-dependent ecosystems using a high-resolution global groundwater model

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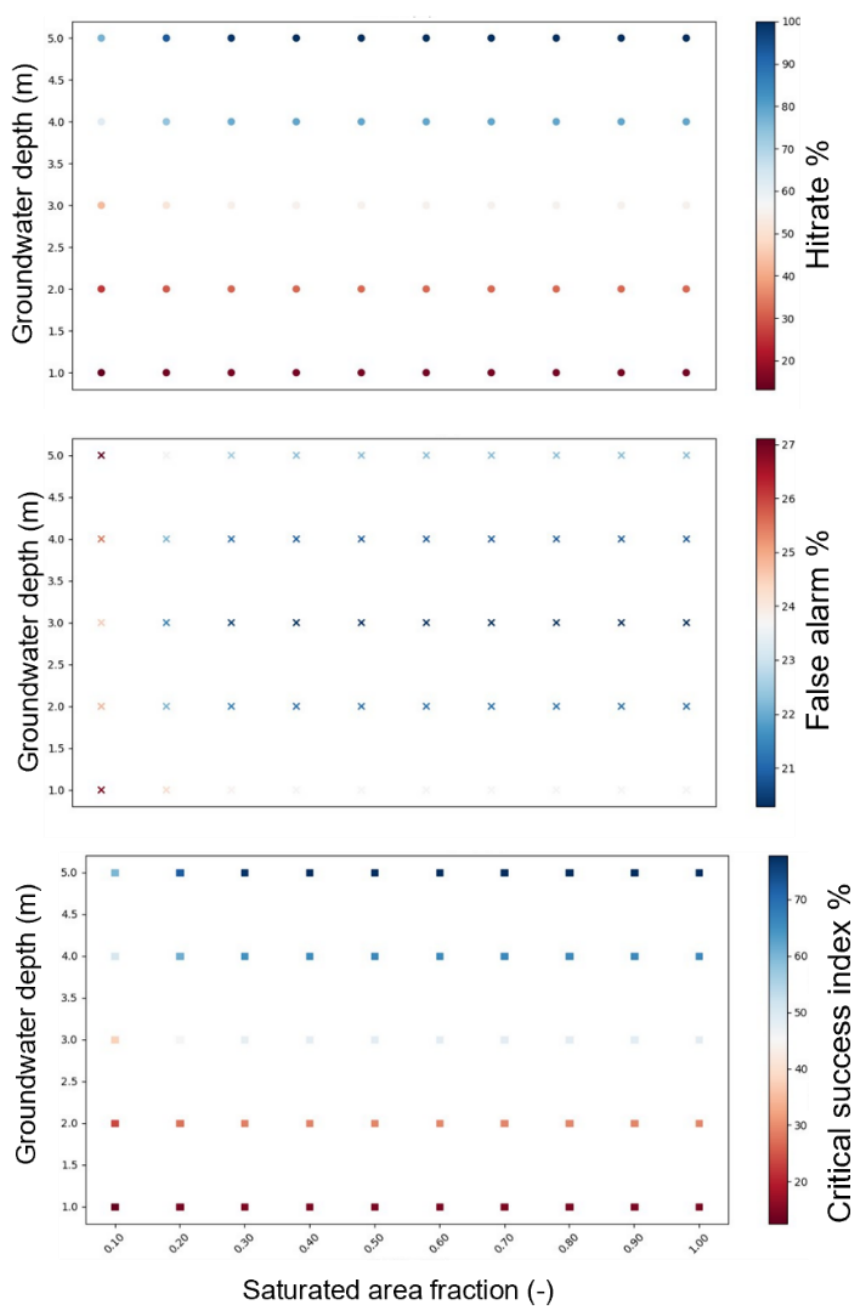
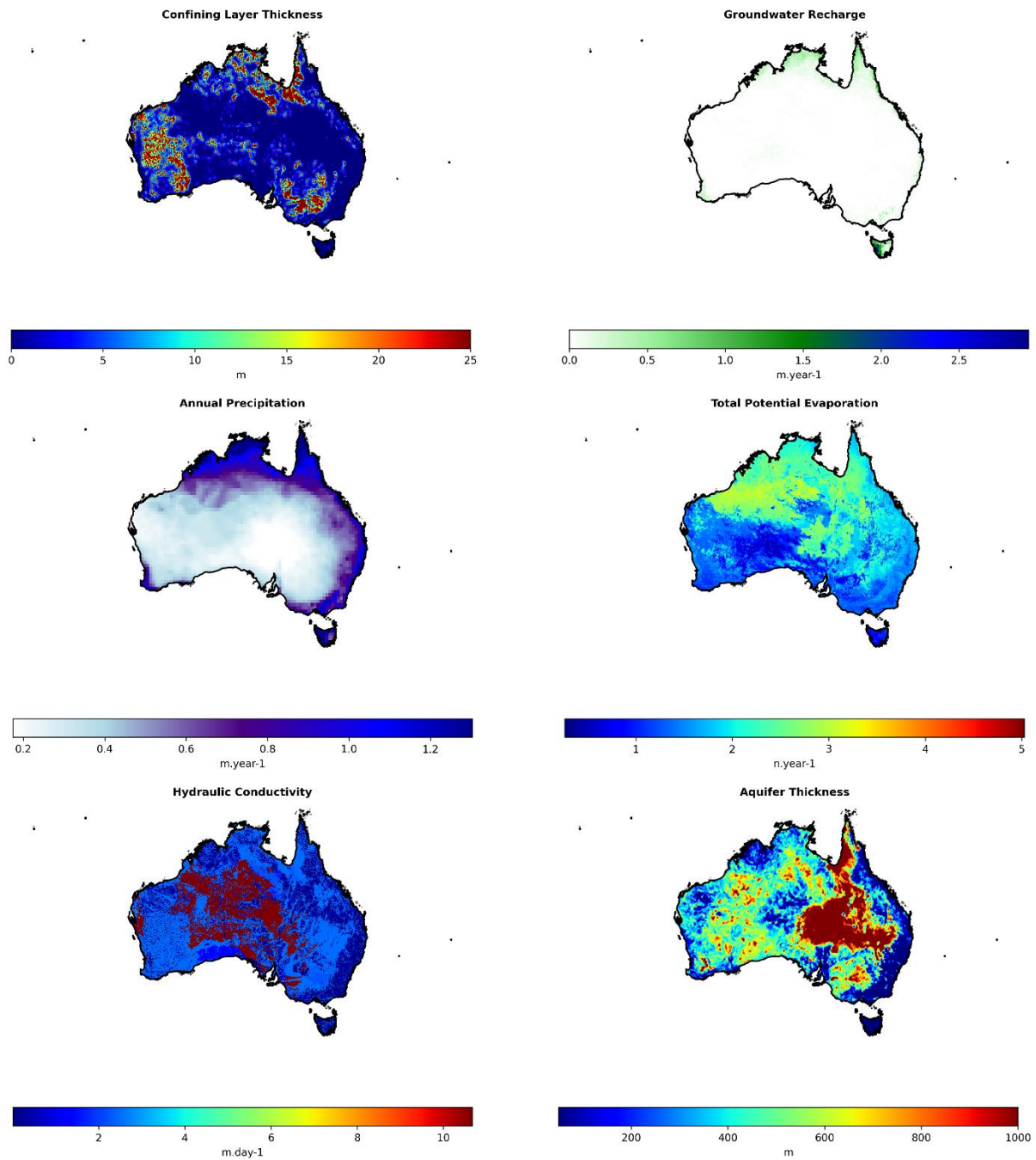


Figure S1. Sensitivity analysis of threshold selection for wetlands against hit-rate, false alarm rate and critical success index with the Australian GDE atlas

Table S1: Model input and parameters as well as data sources

Description	Symbol	Unit	References/Sources
Upper and lower soil store parameters			FAO (2007) soil map; van Beek and Bierkens (2009)
• Soil thickness • Residual soil moisture content • Soil moisture at saturation • Soil water storage capacity per soil layer: $SC = Z/(\theta_s - \theta_r)$ • Soil matric suctions at saturation • Exponent in the soil water retention curve • Saturated hydraulic conductivities of upper and lower soil stores • Total soil water storage capacities = $SC_{up} + SC_{low}$	Z1 and Z2 θ_{r1} and θ_{r2} θ_{s1} and θ_{s2} SC1 and SC2 ψ_{s1} and ψ_{s2} β_1 and β_2 K1 and K2 W_{max}	m m^3/m^3 m^3/m^3 m m dimensionless m/day m	
Land cover fraction: land cover areas (including extent of irrigated areas) over cell areas	fl_{cov}	m^2/m^2	GLCC v2.0 map (USGS, 1997); Olson (1994a, b); MIRCA2000 dataset (Portmann et al., 2010); FAOSTAT (2012)
Topographical parameters			HydroSHEDS (Lehner et al., 2008); Hydro1k (Verdin and Greenlee, 1996); GTOPO30 (Gesch et al., 1999)
• Cell-average DEM • Floodplain elevation	DEM_{avg} DEM_{fpl}	m m	
Root fractions per soil layer	Rf_{upp} and Rf_{low}	dimensionless	Canadell et al. (1996); van Beek and Bierkens (2009)
Arno scheme (Todini, 1999; Hagemann and Gates, 2003): exponents defining soil water capacity distribution	β_{arno}	dimensionless	Canadell et al. (1996); Hagemann et al. (1999); Hagemann et al. (2002); van Beek (2008); van Beek and Bierkens (2009)
Ratio of cell-minimum soil storage to W_{max}	fw_{min}	m/m	van Beek (2008); van Beek and Bierkens (2009)
Ratio of cell-maximum soil storage to W_{max}	fw_{max}	m/m	van Beek (2008); van Beek and Bierkens (2009)
Parameters related to phenology			Hagemann et al. (1999); Hagemann (2002); van Beek (2008); van Beek and Bierkens (2009)
• Crop coefficient • Interception capacity • Vegetation cover fraction	K_c $S_{int-max}$ C_v	dimensionless m m^2/m^2	
Groundwater parameters			GLHYMPS map (Gleeson et al., 2014); van Beek (2008); van Beek and Bierkens (2009)
Aquifer transmissivity	KD	m^2/day	
Aquifer specific yield	Sy	m^3/m^3	
Groundwater recession coefficient	J^{-1}	day^{-1}	
Meteorological forcing			van Beek (2008); CRU (Harris et al., 2014); W5E5 (Cucchi et al, 2020; Stefan et al, 2021)
• Total precipitation • Atmospheric air temperature • Reference potential evaporation and transpiration	P T_{air} $E_{ref,pot}$	m/day $^{\circ}C$ or K m/day	
Others			
• Non-irrigation sectoral water demand (i.e., livestock, domestic, and industrial) • Desalinated water • Lakes and reservoirs	- - -	m/day m/day -	Wada et al. (2014) Wada et al. (2011a); FAO (2016) GLWD1 (Lehner and Döll, 2004); GRand (Lehner et al., 2011)



25 **Figure S3:** Confining layer thickness, average recharge, average annual total precipitation, and average annual total potential evapotranspiration Hydraulic conductivity, aquifer thickness.

Table S4: Summary statistics of similarity matrix of mapped GDEs against known GDEs in the Australian GDE atlas by Doody et al. 2017

<i>GDE</i>	<i>Known GDE Hitrate</i>	<i>Hitrate (All GDEs)</i>
Aquatic	79 %	87 %
Wetland	92 %	95 %
Terrestrial	89 %	92 %

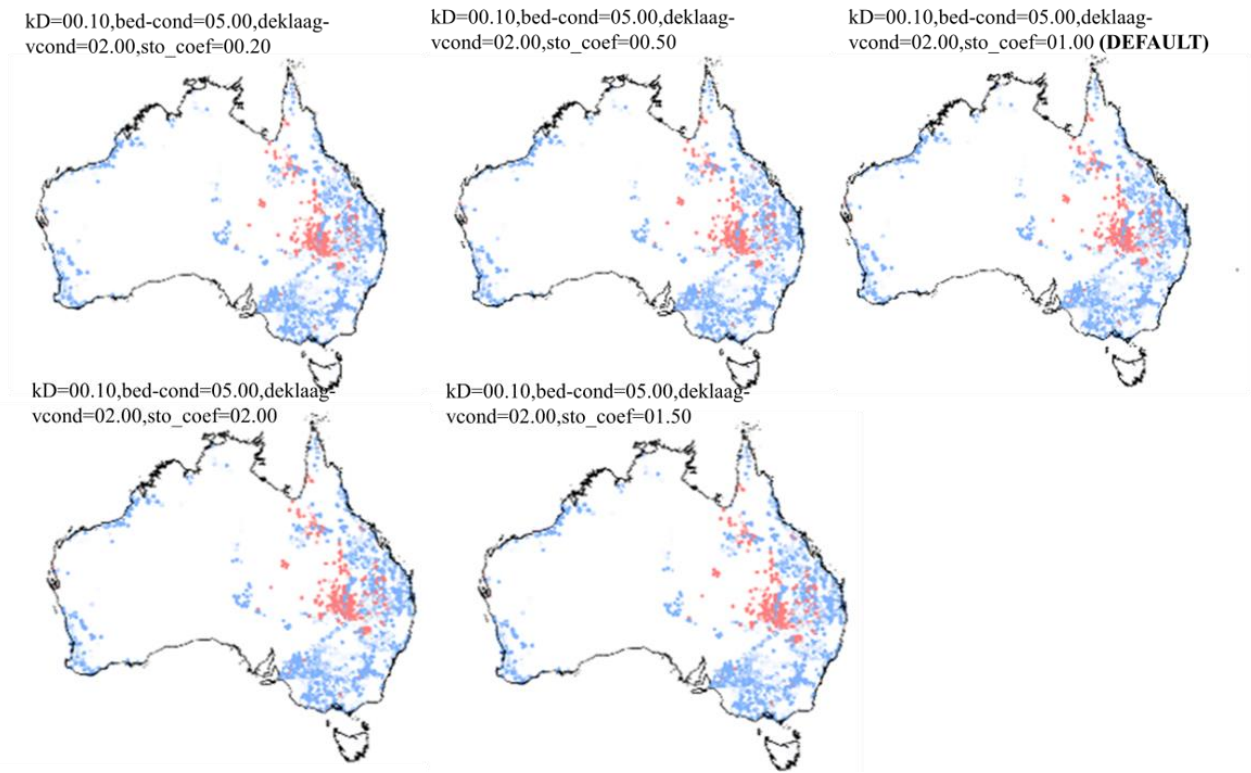
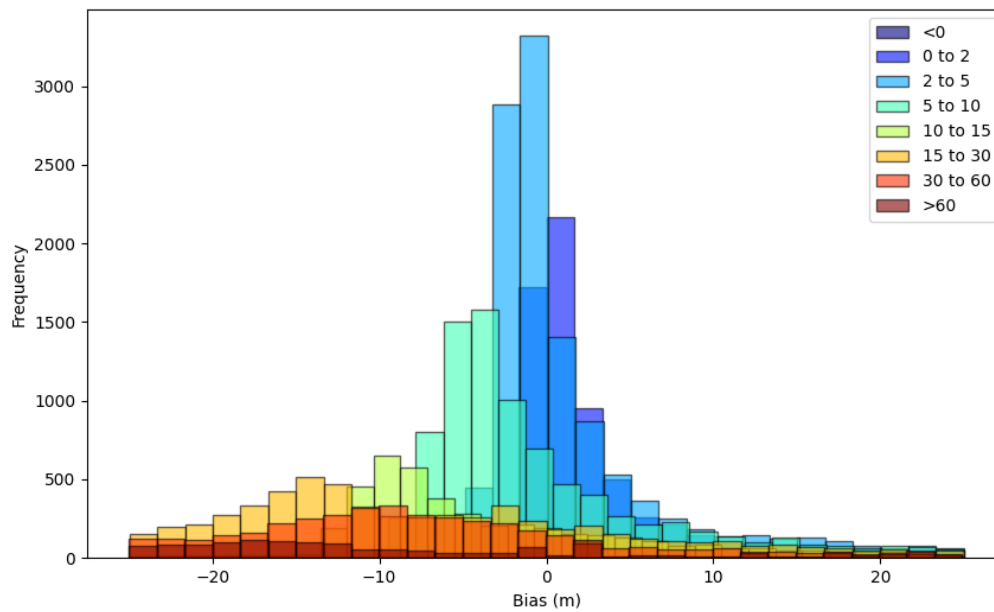


Figure S5. Bias of observed groundwater depths against simulated groundwater depth from pre factor global parameter sets . kD = transmissivity, bed-cond= river bed conductance, deklaag-vcond = thickness of the vertical
 35 confining layer and sto_coef = storage coefficient



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 Figure S6. Histogram of mean bias of categorized observed groundwater depths (m).

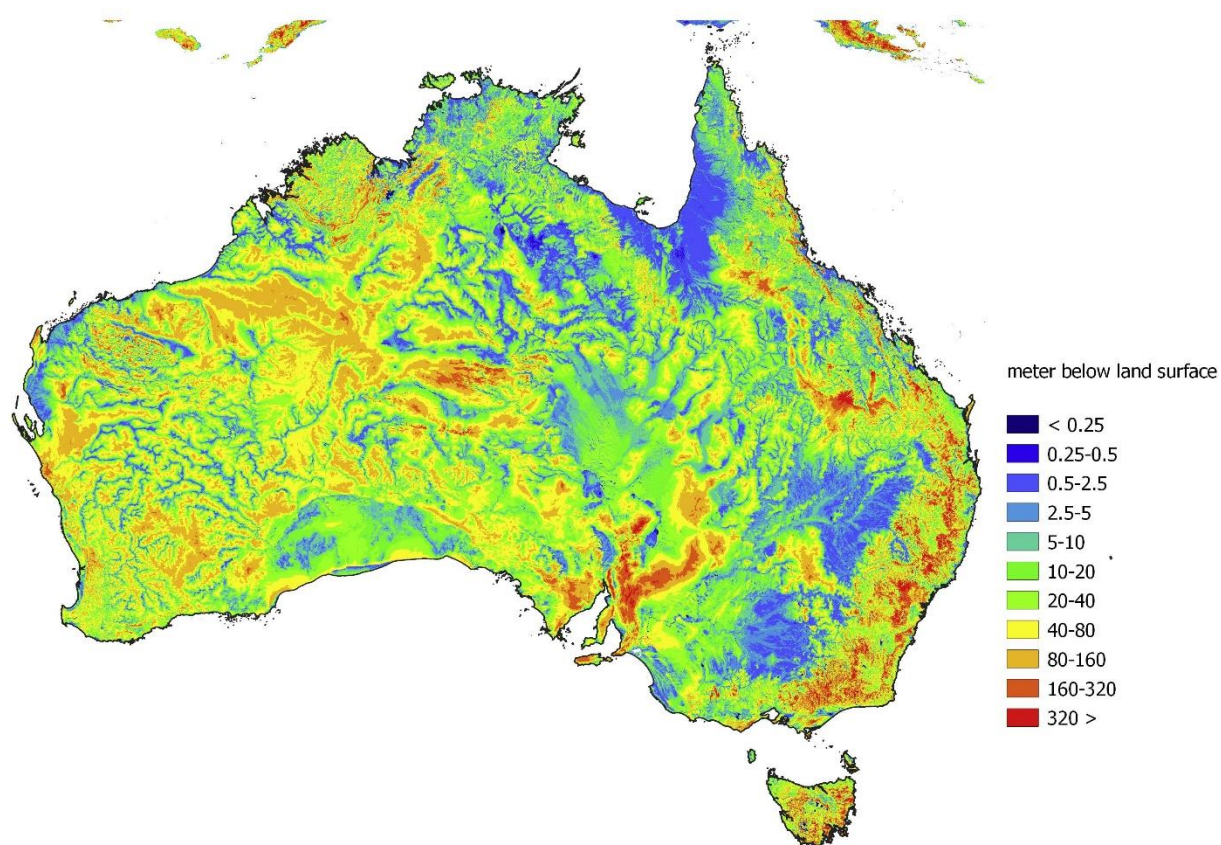
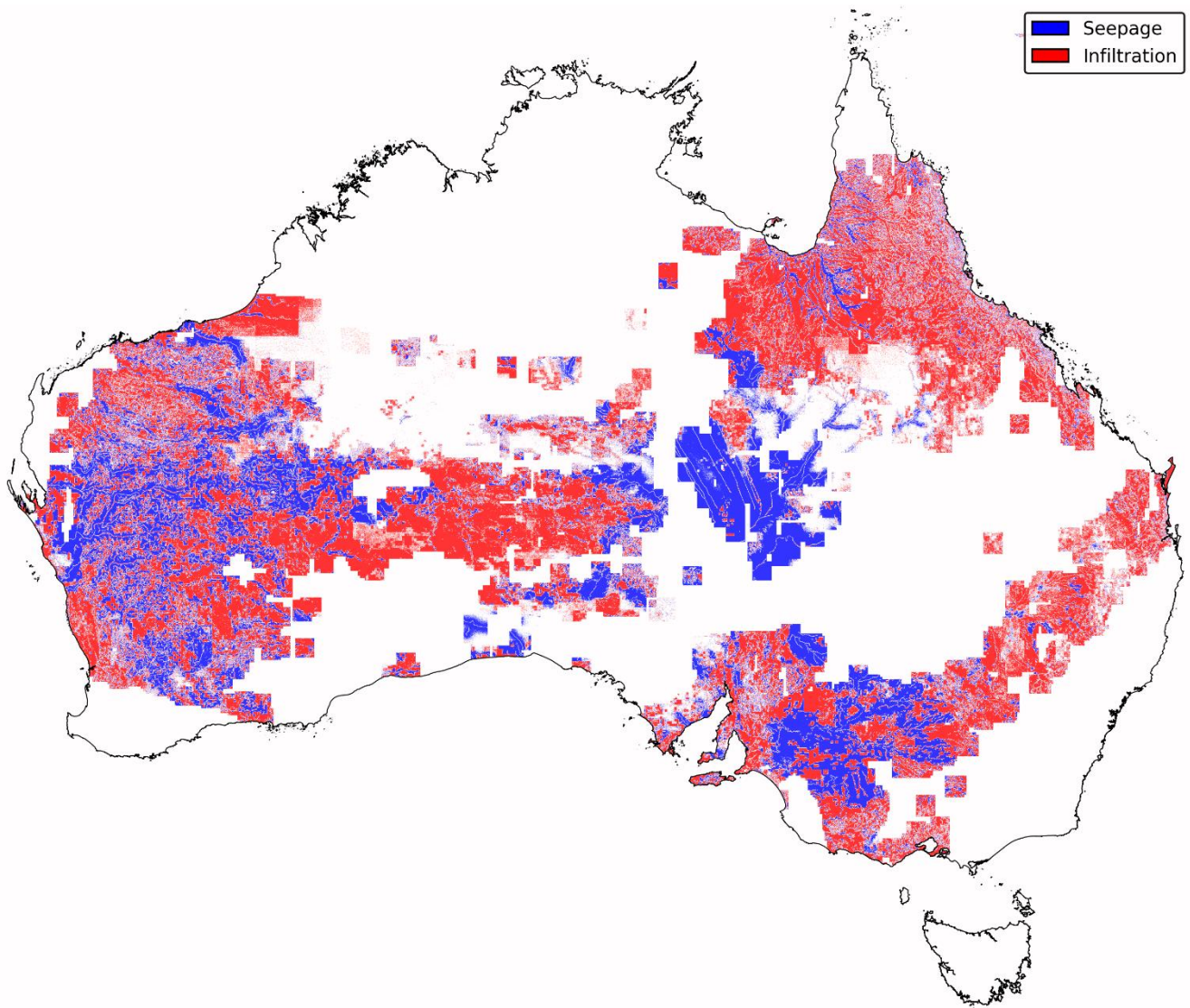


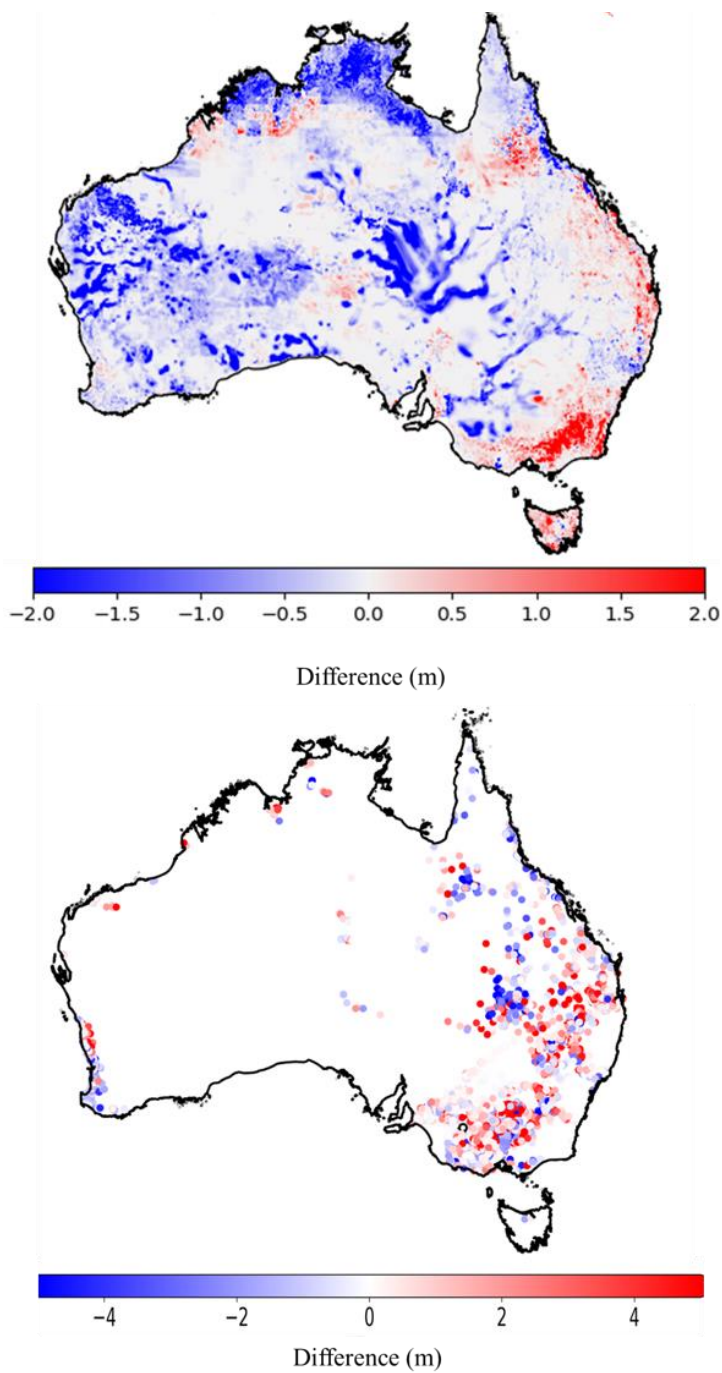
Figure S7. Average simulated groundwater levels for 1979 – 2019 with the steady-state model.



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Figure S8. Locations (red) where groundwater seepage (in red) or infiltration (in blue) occurs from the lower model layer towards the upper layer of the groundwater model.

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60 **Figure S9. Differences below surface level (m) in average simulated (top) and observed (bottom) groundwater depths between 1979-2000 and 2001-2019. Red areas indicate a decline in groundwater levels and blue areas indicate areas with an increase in groundwater levels. White areas in bottom figure are locations with no well data.**

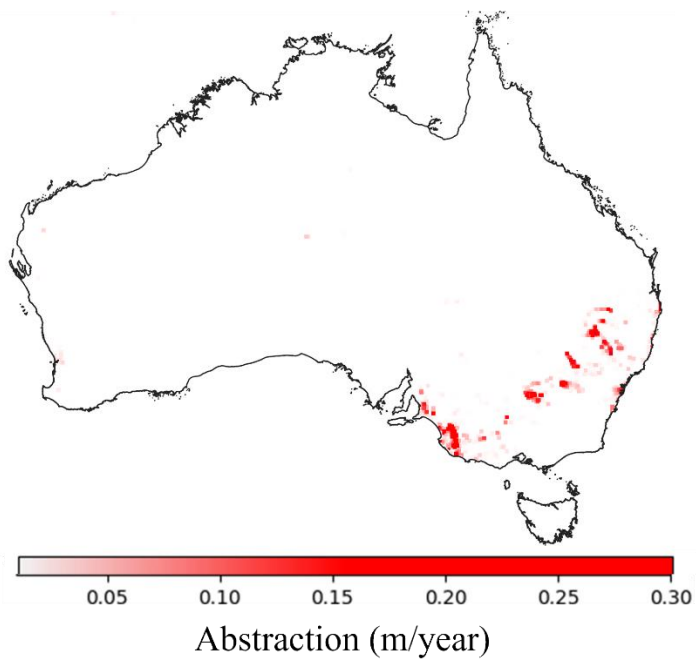
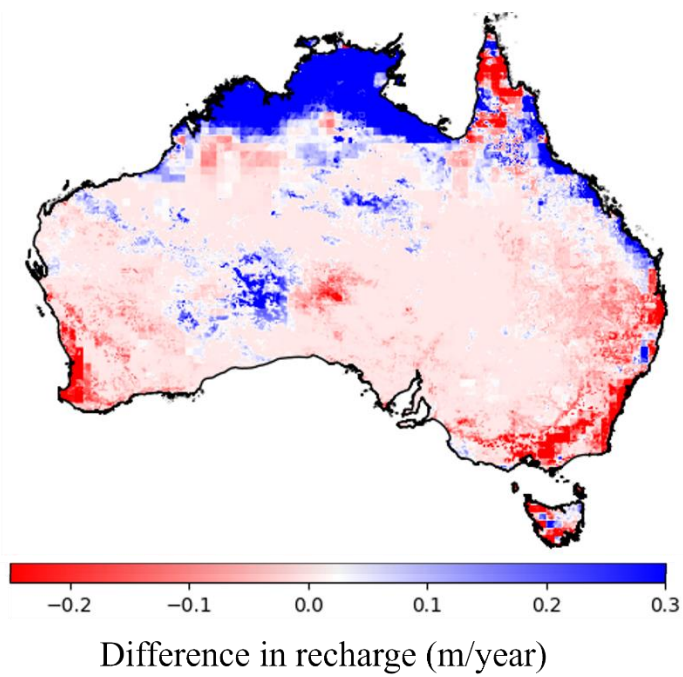


Figure S10: Changes between simulated groundwater recharge and between period 2001-2019 relative 1979-2000 and average abstraction rates over 2001-2019.

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