

## ***Interactive comment on “A vital link: water and vegetation in the Anthropocene” by D. Gerten***

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The paper has been well served by four insightful reviews who are knowledgeable about the field. Most of the comments can be easily addressed. However, the author would be well advised to pay particular attention to the comments of Reviewer #1, who raises some serious concerns about the novelty of the paper. Addressing these comments would substantially add to the impact of this paper. I intend to seek the reaction and possible additional helpful comments of Reviewer #1 on the revised manuscript. Thank you for contributing this paper to the special issue. M. Sivapalan

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