

## ***Interactive comment on “China’s water sustainability in the 21st century: a climate informed water risk assessment covering multi-sector water demands” by X. Chen et al.***

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As far as I can judge, the scientific base of this article is sound.

However, I was hoping to read more about the impact of the study on China’s future water management. This is only being touched briefly, and leaves the reader wondering - e.g., ‘enhance water security, agricultural productivity and economy’; ‘crop allocation optimization at the national level’; ‘trade-offs between food and water storage strategies’ (p 11140). Here, the authors should provide stronger links to the bigger picture of the issue - including implications for the Chinese society and the region as a whole. While it is clearly not within the scope of the study, nor within the expertise of the authors, pointing towards the consequences for society would increase the value of the

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study.

Furthermore, the readability of the paper would benefit from another round of editing by a native speaker.

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