

Interactive comment on “Protecting environmental flows through enhanced water licensing and water markets” by T. Erfani et al.

Anonymous Referee #2

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Comments: Main part of the method adopted in this manuscript is very similar to the one used in another paper published by the authors (Erfani et al., 2014, Water Research, doi: 10.1002/2013WR014493). I would suggest the author try to revise their manuscript greatly and specify the main innovations compared with their previous works. Detailed comments for authors:

1. In 2.1, the core model is similar with the authors' previous paper. The further extended models, described in the sections 2.2 and 2.3, are regarded as two more

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constrains compared with the authors' previous work (Erfani et al., 2014),

2. In 2.2 and 3.4, more explanation and comparison of MinFlowj with other similar research should be added,

3. The case study in the section 3.2 is the same with the one in section 3 of the authors' previous work (Erfani et al., 2014),

4. The relationship among "junction", "gauge", "node", " junction node", and "river" should be explained in details (e.g., with the employment of a figure).

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