

## ***Interactive comment on “Systems analysis – a new paradigm and decision support tools for the water framework directive” by M. Bruen***

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The author thanks the reviewers and editor for their careful reading of the paper and their thoughtful suggestions. The paper has been revised to address their comments. In particular, all reviewers found the paper unbalanced between sections 1-5 - describing and expanding on the new paradigm and section 6 - describing the WINCOMS project. Since the main aim of the paper was to describe the author's view of the new paradigm, it now seems that including the description of the on-going WINCOMS project was pre-mature and distracted from the main thrust of the paper, as well as giving insufficient information about WINCOMS methods. Thus a completely separate paper will be prepared describing the results of the WINCOMS project. So section 6 has been removed to improve the structure of this paper and the material in sections

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1-5 has been expanded in line with the reviewers' other comments. In particular the following has been done;

(i) More references to the general systems literature, including some suggested by the reviewers. (ii) Additional introductory paragraph in section 4 as suggested (iii) Expanded explanations (e.g. for ELECTRE, Kalman Filtering, Hierarchies) as suggested. (iv) More references to water-management related applications are added. (v) Where descriptive material had been condensed into lists, some additional, analytical, material has been added. (vi) Minor textual corrections and re arranging of material has been done to improve clarity and presentation

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