

***Interactive comment on “Reliability of meteorological drought indices for predicting soil moisture droughts” by D. Halwatura et al.***

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We would like to thank Heleen Westerveld for the constructive comments. We will address the major issues identified by all the reviewers (short communication #1, #2 and #3) in a compiled response (under the response for reviewer #3), and address the minor comments in a revised version of the manuscript. We are confident that the reports will make a positive contribution to the quality of our manuscript.

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