

Interactive comment on “Surface water as a cause of land degradation from dryland salinity” by J. Nikolaus Callow et al.

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It is particularly heartening to read his comments on the value of this work undertaken in this specific catchment, including his recognition of the key message and value of the work, especially the applicability of our findings to other studies and management of catchments more broadly. We note his positive commentary around the approach to the review of related literature, logic of our approach to the study, his ability to under-

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stand the key processes are we describing, and recognition of the importance of this paper to a broader audience beyond this single catchment/region.

If given the opportunity to publish this paper (as suggested), we will undertake a thorough review to address the minor typographical errors identified.

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