Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Spatial Distribution of Suicide in Queensland, Australia

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**Reviewer:** Jessica Pearse

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Major Compulsory Revisions
- All Suggested compulsory revisions addressed satisfactorily

Minor Essential Revisions
- Most Minor revisions addressed satisfactorily
- Figures/Maps need to have titles directly above them, so they can be interpreted without requiring reference back to the article text to determine what they show (i.e. Figure 3 A-D need to indicate which age groups these figures relate to such as "ASM Rate of Female Suicides aged 65 & Over"

Discretionary Revisions
- No original discretionary revisions made.
- The grammar needs to be reviewed in some instances (e.g. third line from bottom of page 3 "Each cluster consists several geographic units linked [to] each other", second last sentence on page 14 "Finally, in the spatial analysis of suicide clusters, it is difficult to determine whether the clusters were related events that took place [] within a short space of time, or were evenly spaced over time and location within high risk communities.”
- Further clarification of statement on page 15 about possible reasons for high suicides but lack of clustering could do with further explanation. Not clear how "Agricultural types or natural disasters" could be a reason behind this.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests