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Title: The Structure of Psychological Life Satisfaction: Insights from farmers and a general community sample in Australia

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This paper reports a comparison of Subjective Wellbeing, using the 8-item Personal Wellbeing Index (PWI), between Australian farmers and a general population sample. They also use structural modelling to deconstruct the Personal Wellbeing Index into its constituent domains and discover the presence of two ‘supra-domain constructs’ as ‘connectedness’ and ‘efficacy’. They conclude that wellbeing could potentially be enhanced by increasing community connectedness. These results are all interesting and add to the literature on the construction of such measures.

In terms of the assessment points 1-8, I regard all of them as having been fulfilled. My suggested discretionary revisions are:

1. The number of appendices and tables seems to me excessive, but this is an Editor’s decision.

2. I recommend more information concerning the nature of the general population sample in terms of its city/rural mix and whether it includes farmers.

3. A description of the Personal Wellbeing Index scores and domain scores in terms of their relationship to Australian norms would be informative.

4. In Table 2, the sr2 statistic may not be familiar to many readers and should be explained.