Reviewer’s report

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The manuscript is much improved and is ready for publication in my opinion. The additions to the methods section really help the reader to understand how the study was conducted. The clarifications in the results and additional discussion added greatly to the impact of the manuscript. The table showing the agency category description in each shire is a nice addition, as is adding an appendix showing the questions used in the survey. As drought is only going to worsen in the farming community as we see changes in climate, I think this is an important paper that can benefit other communities with similar issues. It is now a very nice report.

Editorial comments:

Fifth paragraph in Results section, line 11 should state “This approach is consistent with the methodological literature that suggests informant recall is more reliable with typical events over general timeframes than specific events. (Same typographical error in Results section in the sentence preceding the “Main agencies” heading.)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.