Reviewer’s report

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This is an important topic to discuss but it will be much improved if considered from a complete 360 degree approach.

At present the party is written from a researchers perspective which is unhelpful. For instance the use of the term transdiscipline is clumsy and excludes a non-discipline lay contributor.

The guidelines for writing a report are excellent. However once again it should not be presumed that researchers are the only ones that can write clear, concise lay summaries. The advice on writing reviews is one that is given to most teenagers who attend school. There is no reason that a lay person in a team could be the best report writer.

A lot of the conclusions are valid for teams that just contain researchers. It is not so valid for teams that have a 'lay' component

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