**Interactive comment on** “Validating a 1-D SVAT model in a range of USA and Australian ecosystems: evidence towards its use as a tool to study Earth’s system interactions” *by G. P. Petropoulos et al.*

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**COMMENT:** There is also a lot of activity in Australia linked to model evaluations of land surface models not cited here - perhaps see papers by Haverd or Abramowitz or Ying Ping Wang .... all in the international literature.

**ANS:** As this was not a comparison study of land surface models we have kept the reference to other models to a minimum and concentrated on validating the results only in relation to previous validation studies of SimSphere. However, we have added the suggested references in our revised manuscript at the introduction section which have also modified in an attempt to address comments we received by 2 of the other reviewers related to this section of our manuscript.

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