

## ***Interactive comment on “Assessing the vulnerability of infrastructure to climate change on the Islands of Samoa” by S. H. M. Fakhruddin***

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An interesting study of climate related vulnerability and a useful article for policy makers in Samoa. It would be helpful to hear more about ways to solve the vulnerabilities, including the suggested "ridge to reef" project. Related to this, discussion of causes of vulnerability could be expanded. Other factors, such as ecosystem mismanagement, could contribute to the vulnerability model presented in figure 3. It seems slightly simplistic at present. However the authors admit a narrow focus on hard infrastructure. Perhaps other factors contributing to vulnerability, and details of solutions, can be discussed in a subsequent paper.

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