

Review of: "The Failure of Public Water Utility Privatization From Araral's Perspective: Implications for Ethiopia's Water Sector"

Habib Akka

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

The article deals with a topical and important subject, particularly in Africa.

The abstract devotes about half to quoting from the work of Professor Eduardo Araral (184 words out of 348). It would be more beneficial at this level to define the objective, support the methodology and present the most relevant results. A footnote, attached to the introduction, would suffice to present the work of Professor Eduardo Araral.

For the remainder of the article, the author has focused on a literature review either to describe Professor Eduardo Araral's point of view or for authors with a different point of view. The author's contribution appears only at the conclusion and in a very timid way since it reproduces what was said in the critical section.

The concepts of economic efficiency and social equity mentioned by the author are not sufficiently explained. In our opinion, it should be described how they should be introduced into the public water service management model. It would also have been desirable for the article to have been enriched with benchmarking to describe the experiences of African countries. There are many models applied for the management of public water services. Those that combine public-private partnership (PPP) deserve to be studied and capitalized.

The conclusion appears as a summary of the critical part of the article. Ultimately the article requires significant improvements with very precise identification of the personal contribution of the author in the research in question.

Below are observations attached to a few paragraphs of the article that could inspire the author.