

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

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The paperwork is dedicated to an interesting topic: The Failure of Public Water Utility Privatization From Araral's Perspective: Implications for Ethiopia's Water Sector. However, the style of the paper (sections and references) is more like a class exercise, is not supported by an updated literature review, and needs too much work to be published as a peer-reviewed article. The article does not produce knowledge or any method to be referenced and is not worthy of publication.

Major criticism:

1- Abstract: The author does not follow the structure of a scientific article. The abstract is not an abstract and is more similar to a part of the introduction. The abstract is too long. There is no need to embed Dr. Araral's background in the abstract; it can go in the introduction. The abstract must explain what Araral's perspective is, why the article is criticising it, and how. Besides, it does not mention anything about the result or further study. In the abstract, there is no need to mention the section of the article, it should be in the introduction.

2- Introduction: Please start the introduction independently from the abstract. The abstract is a summary of the work and is not an independent section. Lack of references in the author's discussion: The author states, "During much of the 1990s, water utilities worldwide experienced a wave of privatization. The rationale for this, much like the rationale for the wave of privatization of state-owned enterprises and other government services, is largely based on two hypotheses" (Reference????? p. 221).

3- literature supporting the discussion: The references are too old and do not bring a modern and updated literature review: This argument by the author is supported by abundant literature on public utility management, liberalization, and reform. For instance,

-Can you give any examples (recent articles) for these statements?

"However, the author argued that the existing literature on the subject is fragmented, as most studies either examine the efficiency argument in its various dimensions or some aspects of the fiscal argument".

"Since the 1990s, many ideological and economic causes have served as key justifications for expanding the privatization

of public utility services. The writers of this essay maintained, as most research has, that both the fiscal hypothesis and the efficiency hypothesis are the twin justifications for expanding privatization of water utility services particularly (as argued by the authors), and public utilities in general".

Unfortunately, the reviewer reject the article.