Dear Timothée,

We have received two detailed and insightful reviews of the preprint you have submitted to PCI Ecology.

I would like that you carefully revise the manuscript according to the comments and suggestions.

The most salient point is that the preprint is a kind of response/comment to a recent paper of Fründ in Ecosphere.

In addition, the ms does not follow a classical Introduction/M&M/Results/Discussion section, arguably because of the response/comment nature of this contribution.

As suggested by reviewer 2, the ms would gain clarity if,

- an Introduction section more explicitly states the nature of the diverging views between Fründ and you, and thus more clearly exposing the motivation of challenging the recent paper of Fründ,

- a Discussion section synthesizes the pros and cons of both approaches, as it seems that each method can be justified and used in an appropriate context.

Thank you for considering PCI Ecology as a venue for your work, and we look forward receiving your revised manuscript.

Sincerely,

François