

The revisions have addressed prior comments well, and the paper now reads as coherent, grounded, and actionable. The framing, methods, and recommendations are well aligned, and the contribution extends beyond palaeoclimate to broader science–policy engagement.

We thank you for taking the time to read the new version of our manuscript and providing a few comments to ensure that it is both in line with the journal's policies and also clear for the reader in terms of methodology. We hope that the changes we have made in this new version are up to satisfaction.

At this stage, the remaining revisions are light and focused on final clarity and transparency. To better align with the journal's open research standards, please add a small amount of additional detail in the Methods to clarify the analytical workflow and how the data can be accessed or interpreted within ethical constraints. If you can provide additional basis for the methods and the research approach, that would be valuable for future readers.

Thank you. We have added in a few sentences into the methodology to be clearer about some of the methodological choices made, including why we chose semi-structured interviews, and the process of thematic analysis. We have ensured that these are supported by literature also.

We have also added a small paragraph at the end of the methods to explain that the transcripts are not able to be published, but we can share anonymised transcripts with interested readers upon reasonable request. We have also added a few additional sentences in the data availability section.

A final pass to ensure that methodological choices and recommendations are consistently supported by existing literature would also be helpful, particularly where the manuscript moves from findings to guidance.

We have gone through the methods and recommendations and ensured that our statements, chosen approaches and recommendations are supported by references.

These are minor refinements. Once addressed, the manuscript will be fit for publication.

Thank you again for handling our manuscript and taking the time to read it through.