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To whom it may concern,

The research I am submitting to the Journal of Climate today utilises well known methods to provide insight and understanding into the effects various components of a time series have on its ability to detect long term change. Furthermore, these analyses are performed on an *in situ* dataset (rather than satellite SST) that surpasses in size any other *in situ* dataset of this kind in the southern hemisphere. This research therefore provides insight into not only what may dictate the usability of different time series for climate change research, but also serves as an example of what can be achieved when various organizations come together in an effort to advance the research potential of their nation.

I trust that you and the reviewers will find this research interesting, and consider it for publication in the Journal of Climate.

With regards and thank you for your time,
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