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Fig. S1 South East Australia's rainfall deciles for January 2017 to August 2019. The map shows the average rainfall during 2017–2019 ranked against historic records (1901–2016) expressed as a percentile.





Fig. S2 A comparison between fluxes simulated by CABLE with (hydraulics) and without (Control) the plant hydraulics module for (a) gross primary productivity (GPP) and (b) latent heat flux (LE) at the Tumbarumba fluxnet site during a pronounced period of water stress. The data have been smoothed with a 5-day moving window to aid visualisation.





Fig. S3 A comparison between fluxes simulated by CABLE with (hydraulics) and without (Control) the plant hydraulics module for (a) gross primary productivity (GPP) and (b) latent heat flux (LE) at the Wombat State Forest fluxnet site during a pronounced period of water stress. The data have been smoothed with a 5-day moving window to aid visualisation.





Fig. S4 A comparison between fluxes simulated by CABLE with (hydraulics) and without (Control) the plant hydraulics module for (a) gross primary productivity (GPP) and (b) latent heat flux (LE) at the Whroo fluxnet site during a pronounced period of water stress. The data have been smoothed with a 5-day moving window to aid visualisation.





Fig. S5 Maps showing the minimum leaf water potential (Ψ_{min} simulated by CABLE during the drought (CTL: 2017–2019). The species are ordered from the driest to the wettest, with each species' mean annual precipitation (MAP) across their range, indicated in each panel. Note we do not include data from after September 2019 due to the confounding impact of fires across South East Australia.





Fig. S6 Maps showing the minimum leaf water potential (Ψ_{min} simulated by CABLE during the drought with a 20% reduction in rainfall (rPPT: 2017–2019). The species are ordered from the driest to the wettest, with each species' mean annual precipitation (MAP) across their range, indicated in each panel. Note we do not include data from after September 2019 due to the confounding impact of fires across South East Australia.



Fig. S7 Maps showing the minimum leaf water potential (Ψ_{min} simulated by CABLE during the drought with a 20% reduction in rainfall and a doubling of the atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration (eCO₂ × rPPT: 2017–2019). The species are ordered from the driest to the wettest, with each species' mean annual precipitation (MAP) across their range, indicated in each panel. Note we do not include data from after September 2019 due to the confounding impact of fires across South East Australia.





Fig. S8 Maps showing the maximum percentage loss of hydraulic conductivity (%) simulated by CABLE during the drought (2017–2019), rPPT experiment. The species are ordered from the driest to the wettest, with each species' mean annual precipitation (MAP) across their range, indicated in each panel. Note we do not include data from after September 2019 due to the confounding impact of fires across South East Australia.





Fig. S9 Maps showing the maximum percentage loss of hydraulic conductivity (%) simulated by CABLE during the drought (2017–2019), $eCO_2 \times rPPT$ experiment. The species are ordered from the driest to the wettest, with each species' mean annual precipitation (MAP) across their range, indicated in each panel. Note we do not include data from after September 2019 due to the confounding impact of fires across South East Australia.



Fig. S10 Maps showing the relative maximum percentage loss of hydraulic conductivity (%) simulated by CABLE when the maximum hydraulic conductance in the soil–plant continuum (k_{max}) is halved for the 2017–2019 drought (rPPT experiment). The species are ordered from the driest to the wettest, with each species' mean annual precipitation (MAP) across their range, indicated in each panel. Note we do not include data from after September 2019 due to the confounding impact of fires across South-East Australia.





Fig. S11 Maps showing the relative maximum percentage loss of hydraulic conductivity (%) simulated by CABLE when the maximum hydraulic conductance in the soil–plant continuum (k_{max}) is halved for the 2017–2019 drought (eCO₂ × rPPT experiment). The species are ordered from the driest to the wettest, with each species' mean annual precipitation (MAP) across their range, indicated in each panel. Note we do not include data from after September 2019 due to the confounding impact of fires across South-East Australia.



Methods S1 Site validation of CABLE at Ozflux sites

The integration of plant hydraulics approaches in CABLE has been evaluated in a series of studies (De Kauwe *et al.*, 2015b; Sabot *et al.*, 2020; De Kauwe *et al.*, 2020). Figure S2-S4 shows the evaluation of the plant hydraulics implementation in CABLE at three Australian woodland eddy covariance sites: Tumbarumba (35.65°S, 148.15°E; Keith *et al.* (2012)), the Wombat state forest (37.42°S, 144.09°E; Griebel *et al.* (2016)) and Whroo (36.67°S, 145.03°E; McHugh *et al.* (2017)). We used Level 6 gap-filled OzFlux (http://www.ozflux.org.au) data following Isaac *et al.* (2017). Flux data were pre-processed using the FluxnetLSM R package Ukkola *et al.* (2017) and screened to retain measured and good-quality gap-filled data. As we did not have site specific traits, we paramaterised the model using the *E. obliqua* traits, as this species distribution range overlapped all three sites. We note that *E. obliqua* is one of the dominant species found at Wombat State Forest (along with *E. radiata*, *E. rubida*)). At all sites, the plant hydraulics scheme improves both the simulated carbon and water fluxes (relative to the default CABLE model), with remaining biases likely related to sub-surface hydrology (see Mu *et al.* (2021a) for a comprehensive assessment of biases in CABLE's sub-surface hydrology).

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