

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: You create a personal connection by sharing your family's experience at the Gold Coast. You effectively contrast the "beautiful place with horizons that lasted forever" with the "catastrophic cyclone" aftermath.

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped Argument → Your opening paragraph introduces the Gold Coast but doesn't clearly establish your main argument about climate change. The transition from your personal experience to the broader issue isn't smooth. Phrases like "a part of their home missing" and "it isn't coming back soon" are vague and don't explicitly connect to climate change.

Exemplar: ***Last December my family visited the Gold Coast, with its breathtaking horizons and immaculate views. Recently, this magnificent coastline was devastated by a catastrophic cyclone linked to climate change, transforming it into a shadow of its former self and leaving locals heartbroken as they witness their beloved beaches disappearing.***

#2 Strengths: You identify specific climate change impacts (cyclones, bushfires, storms, droughts) and attempt to explain how they form, showing some knowledge of the topic.

Weaknesses: Inconsistent Tone → Your explanation shifts between formal scientific descriptions and dramatic language. Phrases like "agony of the storm" and "clouds that are white as a bone" mix different tones, making your argument less persuasive. The scientific explanations are simplified but lack clarity in connecting to your main argument.

Exemplar: ***Climate change causes devastating effects beyond cyclones, including increasingly severe bushfires, destructive storms, and prolonged droughts. When powerful storms hit, they bring dangerous winds, flash flooding, and potential tornadoes - all becoming more frequent and intense as our climate changes.***

#3 Strengths: You conclude with a comprehensive solution section that covers multiple approaches to addressing climate change. You include both government and individual actions.

Weaknesses: Disconnected Solution → Your final paragraph presents many solutions without connecting them to your earlier examples. The sudden shift from emotional descriptions to practical solutions feels abrupt. Phrases like "shifting to renewable energy" and "carbon pricing" aren't explained in relation to the Gold Coast example or animal deaths you mentioned earlier.

Exemplar: ***To prevent more disasters like what happened at the Gold Coast and protect vulnerable wildlife, we need strong solutions: governments must shift to renewable energy like solar and wind power, while protecting natural ecosystems that absorb carbon. Each of us can make a difference by using less energy, supporting eco-friendly products, and demanding action from our leaders.***

■ Your persuasive speech has a passionate tone and covers important aspects of climate change, but needs more structure to be truly convincing. You begin with a powerful personal example about the Gold Coast, but could strengthen this by directly linking the cyclone to climate change evidence. Your middle paragraphs explain different climate impacts but jump between topics without smooth transitions. Try focusing on fewer examples but explaining them more deeply. Your solutions paragraph contains good ideas but feels rushed and disconnected from your earlier points. Also, consider adding emotional appeals throughout your speech, not just at the beginning. You could strengthen your argument by linking your solutions directly to protecting places like the Gold Coast and the animals you mention. Your speech would benefit from a clearer structure with an introduction stating your main argument, body paragraphs that build your case step by step, and a conclusion that reminds listeners why they should care.

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**Score: 41/50**

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Section 2:

Last December my family went to the Gold Coast, it was a beautiful place with horizons that lasted forever with immaculate views. ~~Recently the once magnificent Gold Coast has received a catastrophic cyclone which turned it into a depressing look as it hurts the locals to see a part of their home missing.~~ [Recently, the once magnificent Gold Coast was hit by a catastrophic cyclone which transformed it into a depressing sight, hurting locals who see a vital part of their home missing.] It is their home they should have it back but unfortunately it isn't coming back soon.

The scorching hot sand vanished from the beaches, the fresh water levels are decreasing, flood rates are rising and ~~damage to the beaches are getting destroyed.~~ [beaches are becoming increasingly damaged.] It is their land that needs to be protected, it is their home that needs to be protected, it is their beaches that need to be protected!

Climate Change has negative effects that ~~doesn't~~ [don't] only include cyclones but also bush fires or severe storms and droughts. Bush fires can occur by flaming hot lightning striking on trees or in a forest. Bush fires can also occur by humans on accident or on purpose unfortunately.

Severe storms can be caused by the difference in temperature and pressure causing the rise and following of cooling air masses. Which could lead to condensation and cloud formation. ~~When the agony of the storm hits it shall have a variety of impacts such as strong winds, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, and potential for tornadoes or rip currents.~~ [When the storm hits, it brings a variety of devastating impacts including strong winds, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, and the potential for tornadoes or rip currents.]

Have you ever wondered what it feels like to be in drought? The unlucky in Africa have it hard with droughts with barely any rations for water or food. Droughts can be formed by low water being released by the clouds that are white as a bone which causes even less water being able to drink in blazing heat.

Many innocent animal species have gone extinct because of climate change as of the sizzling heat. Animals are killed or badly injured because of hunger or saturation reasons such as one hundred million animals including pets die every year. It is a disturbing and a sad fact to know but people need to be aware of the abundant amount that dies so people can take action of what they are doing with their life and let animals escape from their disturbing deaths.

A strong solution to climate change involves shifting to renewable energy, protecting natural ecosystems, and reducing emissions across all sectors. Governments should phase out fossil fuels and invest in solar, wind, and other clean energy sources. Energy efficiency in buildings, transport, and industry must be improved. Forests and oceans need protection and restoration to absorb carbon naturally. Agriculture should shift towards sustainable practices that reduce methane and nitrous oxide emissions. Cities can reduce emissions by improving public transport and supporting electric vehicles. Individuals can help by using less energy, eating less meat, and supporting eco-friendly products. Carbon pricing, strict emissions regulations, and international cooperation are essential to drive global progress. Education and public awareness also play a key role in encouraging change. Together, these actions can significantly slow climate change and build a cleaner, safer future.