

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your vivid imagery creates a powerful opening that captures attention. Your sensory descriptions effectively establish the severity of climate change.

Weaknesses: Lack of specific connection → While your opening paragraph paints a dramatic picture, it doesn't clearly establish how this scenario relates to our current reality. The jump from this dystopian scene to "climate change is here already" needs a stronger bridge to help readers understand the connection.

Exemplar: ***"This harsh landscape isn't just a distant nightmare—it's the future many scientists predict for parts of our world if we don't address climate change, which is already affecting our planet today."***

#2 Strengths: Your personal anecdote about the Great Barrier Reef adds credibility and emotional impact. You effectively connect your experience to the effects of climate change.

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped conclusion → Your personal story ends abruptly with "I couldn't do much about it," which misses an opportunity to drive home the emotional impact or connect to your call to action later in the speech. This moment of personal connection could be leveraged more effectively.

Exemplar: ***"Standing there among the bleached corals, I felt not just disappointment but responsibility. If this iconic wonder could change so dramatically in my lifetime, what would be left for future generations unless we take action now?"***

#3 Strengths: Your counterargument about snowy terrains shows thoughtful consideration of opposing viewpoints. You effectively address and refute a common argument against climate action.

Weaknesses: Unsubstantiated claims → You make several claims without supporting evidence, such as "lots of land would probably have already submerged" and "we could also change the icy terrains into pieces of warm, sunny land with technology." These statements need more explanation to be convincing.

Exemplar: ***"While some might argue that melting ice could create new habitable land, this benefit would be far outweighed by the coastal cities and islands that would be lost to rising sea levels, displacing millions of people from their homes."***

■ Your persuasive piece has a clear passion for the topic that shines through your writing. Your opening creates strong imagery and your personal story adds authenticity. However, your arguments would be more powerful with clearer connections between your examples and main

points. Try to develop each paragraph with a clear claim, evidence, and explanation of why it matters. Your call to action in the final paragraph offers good suggestions, but you could make them more impactful by connecting them directly to the problems you described earlier. Also, consider strengthening your transitions between paragraphs to help your readers follow your thinking more easily. Your conclusion could be more memorable by returning to your powerful opening imagery, showing how our actions today can prevent that frightening future you described.

Score: 42/50

Section 2:

Imagine yourself, living in a place where flowers don't grow, and vegetation is rare. A drop of water could be sold for fifty dollars. There are huge cracks on the ground, and you can clearly see the tectonic plates. Noxious gases are floating around, making people choke every second. This may sound abstract, but it is closer than you think. Climate change isn't coming: it is here already. #1

Climate change is a serious problem that is often underestimated. Coastal cities like the South Pacific Islands are already ~~in threat~~ [under threat]. When we create Greenhouse gases, they are trapped in the atmosphere. This makes the world hot, which causes bits of Antarctica to melt. The melted ice will then become water. This excess of water can overflow the ocean, and as a result rise to the ground. This will cause coastal towns to be fully submerged, and centuries of human development will be gone. A painful memory about climate change happened when I was younger. Me and my family were going snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef. We were extremely excited. When we saw the sea creatures, we knew something was wrong. The corals were all bleached, and there were less fish than I expected. We felt that the water was a bit warm, instead of the freezing cold. The reef, which was teeming with fish in the postcard were actually quite bland with rarely any fish. I knew that climate change was hitting hard, but I couldn't do much about it. #2

The future depends on us. Before, the animals lived in harmony. Recently, bushfires were burning, and fauna were fleeing for their lives. The smoke from the fires choked animals without mercy. Wildlife were fleeing for their lives desperately until they met their graves. The plants, innocently got swallowed by the flames. This happened in 2019, where there was fire in the blue mountains. This all shows what we have done to the poor, helpless wildlife.

Some people say that climate change might change useless snowy terrains into places habitable. Humanity might even be able to grow stuff there. This is very true: snowy terrains don't do much. More land is even better. However, this point is not possible. If climate change

melts the snow, lots of land would probably have already submerged. If the land submerged is more than the land created, we will lose land. Lots of buildings would also go to waste. Even if we earned a profit on land, the land would be undeveloped. Whereas if we stop climate change, we won't lose land. We could also change the icy terrains into pieces of warm, sunny land with technology. This shows that climate change should definitely be stopped. #3

Climate change is tough, but the world as a whole is enough to defeat it. The first thing you could do is to talk to your parents about switching cars. Fuel run cars burn fossil fuels, which create greenhouse gases. Switching to an electric car will help ~~contribute to the problem~~ [address the problem]. The second way is to reuse things. People often tend to throw away their Coles and Woolies bags without thinking. Reusing the bags will save resources. This might not create a huge impact straight away, but with the whole world it will make a difference. The last thing is to sign up to the Climate Change Committee. This committee is a club that tries to help stop climate change. The more people who sign up, the more we can help. I urge you to do your part, and stop this problem of ours. The future is in our hands.