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.

Climate change is a serious problem that is often underestimated. Coastal cities like the South Pacific Islands are already in 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.

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 earnt 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 in to pieces of warm, sunny land with technology. This shows that climate change should definitely be stopped.

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. 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.