

### Section 1:

**#1 (First paragraph) Strengths:** Your use of vivid imagery creates a powerful contrast between the pristine nature and a polluted future. The sensory descriptions of "birds chirping" and "ocean waves" effectively establish an emotional connection with the audience. **Weakness:** Clarity in transition → The shift from the imagined scene to the dire warning feels abrupt. The sentence "Now, open your eyes to the world of reality whereas in the future..." contains confusing phrasing that diminishes the impact of your message. Consider restructuring this transition to maintain the strength of your opening imagery. **Exemplar:** *Now, open your eyes to the stark reality - in our future, we won't need to close our eyes to escape; instead, we'll be desperately searching for gulps of clean air.*

**#2 (Third paragraph) Strengths:** You've included expert testimony which adds credibility to your argument. The paragraph effectively conveys urgency through its direct call for action. **Weakness:** Credibility of source → The name "Professor Poopeypants" undermines the seriousness of your climate change speech. Using a comical or fictitious name for your expert weakens your persuasive appeal, particularly when addressing a serious topic like climate change. **Exemplar:** *Professor Wilson from the Climate Research Institute has warned, "If we continue emitting harmful greenhouse gases at current rates, by 2030 we could experience temperature increases of more than 30 percent."*

**#3 (Fourth paragraph) Strengths:** Your personal anecdote creates an emotional connection with the audience. The inclusion of a direct quote from your parents adds authenticity to your story. **Weakness:** Development of connection → While you've included a personal story, you haven't fully connected it to climate change. The link between the bushfire and human-caused climate change needs to be more explicit to strengthen your argument. **Exemplar:** *When I was young, my family's cherished camping tradition in the Blackwood Forest was abruptly ended by devastating bushfires—bushfires that scientists have linked directly to our changing climate and increasing drought conditions.*

■ Your speech shows promise with strong emotional appeals and vivid language, but could benefit from more substantive development of your arguments. The rhetorical questions in your second paragraph create impact, but you need to balance emotional appeals with concrete facts throughout. Your personal connection to bushfires offers a compelling foundation, but try to strengthen the direct link to climate change with specific details about how climate change increases fire risks. Additionally, your speech lacks a paragraph addressing opposing viewpoints as required in the prompt. Consider adding a section that acknowledges climate sceptics' arguments and then refutes them with evidence. Your conclusion attempts to create a memorable ending, but could be strengthened with a more specific call to action beyond "taking effective actions immediately." Also, aim for consistency in tone throughout—your speech varies between formal academic language and more casual expressions.

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**Overall Score: 44/50**

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## Section 2:

Close your eyes for a moment my fellow teachers and peers, imagine walking into a mesmerising vivid scene of birds chirping and the ocean waves slowly drifting towards the sand. Now, open your eyes to the world of reality ~~whereas~~ [where] in the future, you won't have to close your eyes but have to worry about getting gasps of clean air. This is not a story or a nightmare but will soon be a reality with the amount of carbon-emitting gases we are choosing to feed our shared, cherished earth.

Our planet - our mutual home is facing catastrophic changes that we are choosing to make. How many warnings do ~~us tedious~~ [we stubborn] humans need to face until we finally get an emergency killing our profound earth? How ~~scorching~~ [many scorching] summers which will cremate us on the spot will we have to face? How many animals must take excruciating deaths for our very actions? These are only minor issues and if we don't take matters into our own hands there will be many colossal consequences in the future. The lands we have here in Australia are mesmerising however, the choices we are making are going to eradicate these beautiful solid grounds. Are these the things we want to make vanish? Are these the things we want to permanently get rid of? Our actions won't only harm lands but will also be detrimental towards others such as the later

generations which shouldn't have to face any sort of atrocities that we choose to formulate.

#2 Professor Poopypants [Smith] from the climate change expert team has claimed "If we keep emitting and exposing detrimental gases, by 2030 our sun will become more than 30 percent hotter." If I am not capable of asking you guys to slowly get rid of climate change then surely Professor Poopypants [Smith] will. It is imperative we get rid of climate change for a better living place for all creatures, animals and humans. Furthermore, over 500 species of animals have devastatingly passed away because of our egocentric actions. It's crucial to meet the expectations to save our earth otherwise the consequences will be lamentable.

#3 When I was a young child, my family used to always go camping into an enthralling forest every year. It was a family tradition however, there was a devastating bushfire which completely eliminated us from going camping in our traditional spot. My parents were devastated because my newborn sister would never get to experience the life changing tradition and I remember the words my parents said when they found out about the bushfire and they said "This wasn't the way your great grandfather would want us to go on with our life." Those words have been stuck in my head ever since and have never been lost from my thoughts. This experience for me was terrible and should never have to happen to anyone else.

#1 We really must be careful with our actions even if it is as little as taking public transport. Would you want to live in a world where everything is enjoyable and easy, or live in a world of regret from your actions and have to suffer from the thick, hot and poisonous air? This is exactly why we must take effective actions immediately.