

Section 1:

#1: Opening Paragraph Strengths: Your vivid imagery creates a powerful sensory experience. The use of charred trees and warm forest floor effectively conveys environmental devastation.

Weakness: Underdeveloped transition → While your descriptive language is compelling, the shift from the scene to the statement about climate change feels abrupt. The connection between your imagery and your message needs strengthening. Phrases like "this is now becoming reality" would be more effective if you provided a specific example linking your forest scene to a real climate event.

Exemplar: *Standing amidst what was once a lush forest, now filled with coal-black charred trees, I'm reminded of the devastating bushfires that ravaged Australia last summer—a direct consequence of our changing climate.*

#2: Call to Action Paragraph Strengths: Your three-step approach provides clear, actionable suggestions. The contrast between "temporary cost of action" and "permanent cost of inaction" creates a memorable phrase.

Weakness: Limited scope → Your call to action focuses primarily on individual actions rather than balanced solutions. Phrases like "three simple changes" and suggestions limited to water bottles and talking to parents overlook the systemic nature of climate change. The solutions presented don't fully address the scale of the problem described in your opening.

Exemplar: *Starting today, not tomorrow, we must each make changes: reduce single-use plastics by keeping reusable items in your school bag, speak with your parents about green energy options, and importantly, use your voice to demand climate action from our local councillors and MPs.*

#3: Opposing Viewpoint Paragraph Strengths: You acknowledge economic concerns respectfully. The inclusion of specific data about renewable energy jobs strengthens your counterargument.

Weakness: Source clarity → Your references to "government companies" and surveys lack specificity. Phrases like "studies shows" and mentioning the "Australian Business Council" without proper citation weaken your credibility. The paragraph contains valuable information, but the sources need proper identification to strengthen your argument.

Exemplar: *According to the Clean Energy Council's 2024 report, Australia's renewable energy sector employed over 35,000 people last year, demonstrating that environmental protection creates rather than destroys economic opportunity.*

■ Your piece shows strong potential with effective descriptive language and rhetorical techniques. To improve the substance and depth, consider strengthening the connection between your personal reflections and the factual information. The emotional appeal in your third paragraph about children playing outside could be more effective if paired with specific examples of how climate change is already affecting young people. Additionally, your conclusion feels somewhat disconnected from the detailed economic argument that precedes it. Try building a more logical progression between paragraphs, ensuring each one flows naturally to the next. The call to action could be expanded to include both individual and collective responses, acknowledging that while personal changes matter, systemic action is also necessary. Consider varying your sentence structure more to create rhythm and emphasis at key points in your speech.

Overall Score: 44/50

Section 2:

Imagine standing in what was a once lush forest, now filled with leafless coal-black charred trees. The variety of tranquil wildlife has vanished. The soulless forest floor feels unnaturally warm, you can almost feel the light haze of smoke brushing across your skin. Is this really the world we're going to leave to our beloved future generations~~.~~ [?] This is now becoming reality all across the world, the root of these devastating events is climate change. This problem affects us, affects nature, and earth. #1

Starting today, not tomorrow, not next week, but today. I'm asking each of you to make three simple changes. First, reduce single-use plastics by keeping a reusable water bottle

in your school bag. Second, talk to your parents about switching to green energy for your home. The cost of action is temporary, but the cost of inaction is permanent. #2

When I see children playing outside enjoying the "almost" fresh air my heart pangs with guilt as I watch them giddily playing unaware of the rotten land they might inherit. It is earth who raised them, it is earth who cared for them, it is earth that deserves protection.

Is this really the legacy we want to leave? Is this really the stories you want future ~~generation~~ [generations] to tell? Is this really what we will do? *nothing*? Some people may argue that taking action on climate change will hurt our economy and cost jobs. I have very much considered this. No one wants to see families struggle financially.

However, ~~government companies~~ [government agencies] have done surveys on renewable energy jobs, and studies ~~shows~~ [show] that renewable energy is already creating more jobs than the fossil fuel industry. The renewable energy sector employed 35,000 Australians last year, and this number is growing rapidly. Countries like Germany and Denmark that invested early in renewable energy are now global leaders, with strong economies and low unemployment. The real economic threat isn't taking action, it's failing to act. The Australian Business Council estimates that climate disasters could cost our economy \$100 billion annually by 2050 if we continue on our current path. By transitioning to clean energy now, we can create new jobs, protect our economy from climate shocks, and build industries that will thrive in the future. #3

This is how progress happens, not all at once, but little steps at a time. Each little action taken by thousands is one big step for humanity.