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Term 3 Holiday - 2025: Day 5 | 10-Day Intensive Selective Writing

# Section 1

#1: "Imagine a World War 3, overridden with death, conflict and most importantly, tragedy right here, in the land-down-under, all because the president chose to not give imported goods from a tariff ordered by Donald Trump."

#### Strengths:

- You've created a vivid opening that immediately grabs attention and makes people want to keep reading
- You've connected a global issue (tariffs) to local consequences, showing you understand how big problems can affect Australia

Weakness: Unclear Logical Connection  $\rightarrow$  Your opening jumps from tariffs to World War 3 without explaining the steps in between. When you say "all because the president chose to not give imported goods from a tariff," it's confusing what action you're describing. Are you talking about refusing to pay tariffs? Refusing to trade? The phrase "not give imported goods from a tariff" doesn't clearly explain what decision would lead to war. This makes your argument feel weak because readers can't follow your reasoning.

Exemplar: "Imagine tensions rising between nations over trade disputes, with Australia caught in the middle because our leader refused to negotiate fairly on tariffs – creating conflict that could escalate into serious international problems right here in the land-down-under."

#2: "I would also like to help all people in this Land who belong here to receive quality healthcare. All you need is your Medicare card, not your credit card, nor debit card."

#### Strengths:

- You've made a concrete promise that people can easily understand and picture
- The contrast between Medicare card and credit/debit card is clever and memorable

Weakness: Incomplete Policy Explanation → While you mention healthcare, you don't explain how you'll improve it or what's currently wrong. Saying "all you need is your Medicare card" suggests free healthcare, but Australia already has Medicare, so what would you change? Without details about your specific plans, your promise sounds empty. Readers need to know what actions you'd take to make healthcare better.

Exemplar: "I would strengthen our public healthcare system by reducing waiting times in hospitals and ensuring everyone can see a doctor quickly with just their Medicare card – not their credit card or debit card."

#3: "If I am president, I will help with the cost of housing and mitigate it. People in poverty shouldn't have to get 10 000 dollars just to get a single apartment room."

### Strengths:

- You've identified a real problem that many Australians care about
- The specific dollar amount makes the issue feel concrete and relatable

Weakness: Vague Solution → You say you'll "help with the cost of housing and mitigate it," but these words don't tell readers what you'd actually do. Would you build more houses? Give people money? Change laws? The phrase "mitigate it" is too general. Your speech needs specific actions that show you have a real plan, not just awareness of the problem.

Exemplar: "If I am president, I will reduce housing costs by building more affordable homes and providing financial support to help people afford rent, so those in poverty don't need \$10,000 just to secure a single apartment room."

Your speech shows you care about important issues affecting Australia, and you've chosen topics that matter to people – healthcare, housing, and international relations. However, your piece needs stronger substance throughout. Right now, you've identified problems but haven't given enough detail about your solutions. For example, when you mention respecting Indigenous Elders, this is a beautiful sentiment, but what specific actions would you take? Would you include Indigenous voices in government decisions? Fund Indigenous programs? Your readers need to see concrete plans.

Additionally, your opening about World War 3 needs rethinking. The connection between tariffs and war isn't clearly explained, which weakens your credibility from the start. Consider opening with a problem your audience can immediately understand and believe. Also, there's a factual issue to address: Australia has a Prime Minister, not a president. This mistake might make readers doubt your knowledge of Australian government.

The structure of your speech could be stronger too. You jump between topics – war, Indigenous respect, healthcare, housing – without smooth connections. Try grouping related ideas together and using phrases like "Another important issue is..." or "Beyond this, I would also focus on..." to help your speech flow better. Your closing line about creating "a better future" is inspiring, but it would be more powerful if you briefly reminded readers of your specific promises right before it. Think about ending with something like: "Together, through affordable housing, improved healthcare, and respectful leadership, we can create a better Australia."

Overall Score: 37/50

## **Section 2:**

#1 Imagine a World War 3, overridden with death, conflict and most importantly, tragedy right here, in the land-down-under, all because the president chose to not give imported goods from a tariff ordered by Donald Trump. [Imagine rising international tensions and trade conflicts affecting Australia, all because our leader failed to negotiate fairly on tariffs imposed by other nations.] It'll [It will] be hell [extremely difficult] for all of us. That's why, if you vote for me as being president [Prime Minister] of Australia, not only would I try to prevent the impact of "World War 3" [such serious international conflicts], but respect all of the Indigenous Elders of this Land, Past, Present and Future. #2 I would also like to help all people in this Land [land] who belong here to receive quality healthcare. All you need is your Medicare card, not your credit card, nor debit card. #3 If I am president [Prime Minister], I will help with the cost of housing and mitigate it [reduce it through concrete policies]. People in poverty shouldn't have to get [pay] 10 000 [10,000] dollars just to get [secure] a single apartment room. Together, If [if] you vote for me, we can create a better future, opportunities [with more opportunities,] and make a better Australia.