

I chose this topic because for a while now I've heard many stories of how humans are destroying the environment by cutting down billions of trees and blowing up Aboriginal caves that are many thousands of years old. I also wanted to choose a topic that could impact the most people. So, climate change was pretty high on the list because it could impact almost all life on Earth.

# Looking after our environment is very important

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There has been a lot of media attention towards the ongoing environmental crisis. From the melting of the polar icecaps, to fires ravaging the Amazon rainforest, many people have spoken up to educate and convert people to more environmentally friendly methods. So, to keep the human race alive and healthy, the damage inflicted on environmental aspects such as forests, polar icecaps and the Earth's temperature must be repaired quickly.

First and foremost, deforestation is severely hurting the environment. Infact, 3.5 to 7 billion trees are cut down every year. So, at this rate, all trees will be cut down in about 200 years. It is entirely possible that humans will witness a world with no trees. Do you really want the future generations to live through that?

Secondly, there has been much attention towards the rising sea levels because of the melting ice caps. Infact, according to WWF, "95% of the oldest and thickest ice is already gone." Furthermore, WWF stated that "Even if we significantly curb emissions in the coming decades, more than a third of the world's remaining glaciers will melt before the year 2100." This shows that, in the future, entire island nations could be completely flooded. Do we really want that to happen to innocent people?"

Last but definitely not least, global warming has emerged as the greatest threat to our survival. Due to increased carbon emissions, heat is being trapped in the Earth's atmosphere, increasing the average temperature of the Earth. Infact, there is a severe heatwave impacting Australia right now. We just recorded our hottest November day ever with most northern regional areas reaching 40°C and some reaching almost 50°C. Records of sweltering heat have continuously broken over the years. Infact, this year's global average temperature is the second highest in the 141-year record. This is undeniable proof of the impact of climate change. At this rate, Earth's climate will become dilapidated.

In conclusion, the impacts of climate change are apparent, and the damage is only growing. As a species, all us humans need to band together and change our habits and lifestyles to heal our planet's wounds.