

Dear

We write to you as young people from Townsville who care about the environment and our future.

We are doing our bit to look after our environment, by doing things like:

- Riding our bikes to school
- Composting our food scraps
- Buying second-hand clothes
- Not buying palm oil products
- Recycling properly
- Joining groups like EcoMarines

We do these things because they make a difference, and we are happy to help. But there are some big problems that we are really worried about, especially when we think about our future.

We'd like to know what you are doing to address these issues harming our environment:

- Climate change: Townsville already gets floods and bushfires, and these are getting worse. Global warming threatens wildlife and our way of life.

- Plastic pollution: Single-use plastic ends up in our waterways and can be eaten by turtles. Nano plastics can also be found in people's brains!

AI: Data centres use a LOT of water and have other environmental impacts, but AI is only getting more popular.

Fast fashion: Buying cheap clothes and throwing them is so normalised. It means more clothes go to landfill - and they aren't ethically produced.

- Food waste: So much food waste goes to landfill that should be composted instead and put back into healthy soils.

- Deforestation: Without forests, we don't have animals or humans. They are the lungs of the earth and we need them to breathe!

Could you please tell us how you are using your power to protect our environment and future from these problems?

Yours sincerely,







