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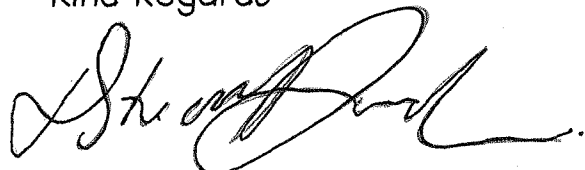
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Year 5/6 Stewart  
c/Cleve Area School  
Cleve 5640  
South Australia

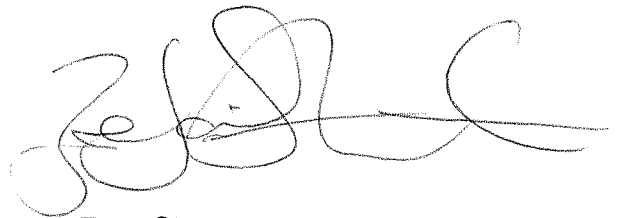
Dr Kate Sullivan & the Standing Committee on Climate Change,  
Water, Environment and the Arts,

As per our discussion via email, we have collated letters in  
groups regarding the students concerns on climate change and  
other environmental issues. Please find the attached letters.

Kind Regards



Leah Stuart-Douglas  
School Services Officer



Zoe Stewart  
Class Teacher

To Dr. Kate Sullivan, Minister for Environment,

We are a class of concerned students at Cleve Area School in rural South Australia.

We are submitting our concerns to the forum. Our class is continuing the recycling program that was initiated last year. We have been learning about environmental issues and we have some concerns. We are concerned about our sheep dying from starvation because of the drought which we think is caused by climate change. We are also worried about the wastage and shortage of water. We believe that gardens should only be watered with grey water from catchment of rain water, meaning there is more left for us to give to our sheep. We are concerned about deforestation which equals less oxygen and soil erosion, that ruins our crops. We are concerned about rising sea levels because some of us live by the sea and in 300 years we could be underwater. We are concerned about the excessive use of the world's resources and the lack of recycling, because we see how much used to get wasted from the school before we started recycling. .

We are hoping that this forum will raise peoples awareness of these concerns and that the government individuals will become proactive about finding solutions for these issues.

Yours Sincerley

Rex Sheldon Dennis

Dean Rattley, Rex Whitehair & Sheldon Dennis

Dear Doctor Kate Sullivan,

We are concerned about global warming because we are in a drought and we live on a farm and can't grow crops to earn money and are running out of water.

When global warming affects costal areas will be under water and inland areas will be in permanent drought. We are in a drought and the animals don't have much food and water, because it doesn't rain, so nothing can grow.

We cut down too many trees because we need more farming land to make some money but this reduces scrublands and therefore less oxygen in the atmosphere.

Yours kindly

Hayley Roads 

Chloe Bammann 

Jade Ranford 

Jade Ranford, Chloe Bammann and Hayley Roads.

Dear Dr Kate Sullivan,

We are concerned about climate change after learning about global warming in class.

We are in a drought and we live on a farm and can't grow crops of wheat and barley.

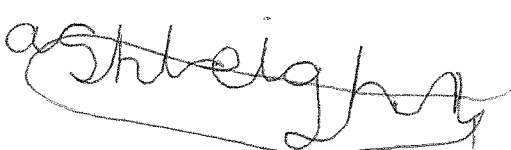
Everyone has not much money because we have no rain. We are running out of water and we haven't got enough feed or water to give our sheep. On the farm nothing can grow for the animals.

We are concerned that because we live so far away we have to use a lot of fuel and are worried that if the water level is rising, our coastal towns will soon be underwater.

Yours kindly

Keeley Wheare and Ashleigh Nelson



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Dear Dr. Kate Sullivan,

We are concerned about global warming because some of us live on farms and there is not much water around most of the farms. Without water our crops won't grow and we won't get money to buy food and clothes.

We are also concerned about the water level rising. It is so scary to think about it. You never know what will happen, we could be under water in 30 years or so and it affects us because some of us live in coastal towns.

From

Phoebe Ranford

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Phoebe Ranford', located below the printed name.

To Dr. Kate Sullivan,

We are a class of concerned people at Cleve Area School. We are submitting our concerns to the forum. Our class is continuing the schools recycling program that was initiated last year.

We are concerned about:

- The rising sea levels because we live near a coastal town and the town could be under water in 300 years time.
- We are also concerned about droughts and climate change because we have experienced droughts and we had no water to grow our crops and then had no chance of getting any money to buy food.
- We also request that we get some public transport like Taxis, Busses etc. Because we are using up to much fuel around the town of Cleve.

Yours regards,

Lahni Smith, Mikaela Harris, Emily Gray,  
Chelsea Smith, Ashleigh Byrnes, Meg Gerloff  
and Hahmany Agars.



Dear Minister for Climate Change,

As part of the year 5/6 class we are concerned about the impact of the rising sea levels because some of us live on a costal town and if the sea rises our town will be underwater.

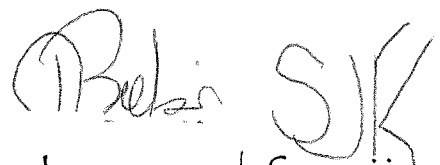
We are also concerned about the impact of climate change and the hot weather band, because of the drought there is less water for us to drink and we don't want to drink water that will make us sick.

We are also concerned that people aren't recycling enough and we know because we are doing the recycling for our school and we see all the stuff that goes to waste.

From

5/6 Stewart

CLEVE AREA SCHOOL

  
Jesse and Samijo.