

MILLENNIUM KIDS YOUTH CHALLENGES ON THE ENVIRONMENT FOR 2004

WASTE

- We challenge the State Government to put more bins in public places, including parks and at bus stops.
- We challenge all schools to set up a waste reduction program: by recycling paper, using reusable lunch containers, and turning off lights and computers when not in use.
- We challenge the local the community to cut down on all waste production.
- We challenge the State Government to never allow nuclear waste dumping in Western Australia.
- We challenge the young people of Australia to throw rubbish in the bin instead of on the ground.

TREES AND LAND

- We challenge the State Government to designate more area for planting native trees to decrease erosion and salinity, and to provide animal homes.
- We challenge the City of Mandurah to stop new developments in the Mandurah estuary area, and to stop flattening our sand dunes for houses.
- We challenge the people of Western Australia to help conserve the old growth forests.
- We hope the Indonesian people continue to help Tunas Hijau increase the amount of green space within schools and city areas.
- We challenge the State Government to make more paths through native bushland to decrease the damage to the habitat.
- We challenge the farmers of Australia to use more environmentally friendly alternatives to herbicides and pesticides.

AIR

- We challenge major factories and the local community to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions.
- We challenge the young people to use more public transport and we challenge the WA Government to encourage this.

ENERGY

- We challenge the State Government to build more sources of natural energy, for example wind turbines.

NATIVE ANIMALS

- We challenge the State Government to build more rehabilitation centres for native animals, especially endangered species, and for the community to become aware and involved.

WATER

- We challenge the people of Perth to look after the Swan River, and to reduce the amount of pollution in it.
- We challenge the people of Western Australia to look after all the rivers, wetlands and water bodies.

PEACE

- We challenge schools of Western Australia to build friendships with our Indonesian neighbours, by exchanging letters and emails with Indonesian schools.

SUPPORT

- We challenge the State Government to help environmental groups with their projects, and to support groups such as Millennium Kids with more funding.
- We challenge the State Government, corporate and the community to assist Millennium Kids in their search for a long-term sustainability education venue, where we can have our office, and run education programs for kids and teachers. We want a venue where we can focus on our areas of concern – AIR, WATER, WASTE, TREES / LAND, NATIVE ANIMALS, PEACE and ENERGY. Our dream is for the venue to be wind and solar powered, have biodegradable toilets, have accommodation for overnight camps, be colourful, be near the sea and be a model for education for sustainability projects.
- We challenge the State Government to support 'Education for Sustainability programs' in all schools