



MILLENNIUM KIDS CONFERENCE 2002
"Follow Your Dream"

CHALLENGES

Millennium Kids of 2002 have created this set of Challenges based on the dreams and visions for the environment of people, young and mature. These dreams are then collected, and the Millennium Kids Youth Board collates them, and finds the common threads of ideas, beliefs, challenges and dreams. The older members of Millennium Kids then work together and translate these into the series of challenges you are about to read.

These Challenges fall into the categories of Trees and Soil, Air, Water, Waste, and Native Animals. This year we also have challenges that reflect what people see as increasing global instability, and how they dream that they can change this. These are the Millennium Kids Challenges for 2002.

At the next Millennium Kids Youth Board meeting the young people will decide on how they can translate these Challenges into practical projects for young people.

Once these projects are nominated Millennium Kids will send information of how to get involved to young people around Australia and beyond through their youth networks.

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We challenge Australia to dedicate an increased 30% of already cleared land to tree plantations within the next year.

We challenge the Federal Government to increase funding for the development of biodegradable packaging, and, in a bid to reduce waste, introduce a tax on plastic bags.

We challenge the agricultural community of Australia to look into alternative and environmentally friendly forms of herbicides and pesticides, and in doing so reduce the amount of unnecessary and harmful chemicals coming into contact with our natural environment.

We challenge the local governments of Australia to combat beach erosion by implementing long-term solutions such as constructing groynes and artificial reefs to prevent the drifting of sand, instead of short term short term solutions such as dumping more sand onto eroded beaches.

We challenge the state government to put a stop to the planned resort at Ningaloo, and instead direct funding to protecting and rehabilitating the natural marine environment.

We challenge Australians to reduce their reliance on cars and, and instead utilise the public transport provided, in an effort to reduce our nations greenhouse emissions by 10% by 2005.

We challenge the citizens of Australia to take responsibility for their international neighbours, and assist Bali in their struggle against terrorism, aiding them in rebuilding and maintaining their environment, economy and health systems.

We challenge the peoples of the world to work together to create pristine environments around the globe for future generations to enjoy.

We challenge the peoples of the world to communicate and connect with each other to regain their community voice on global issues.

We challenge all people to think as citizens of the world, to take responsibility together for the environment, justice and each other.

And finally,

We challenge all people, young or mature, to follow their dreams and never lose faith.

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