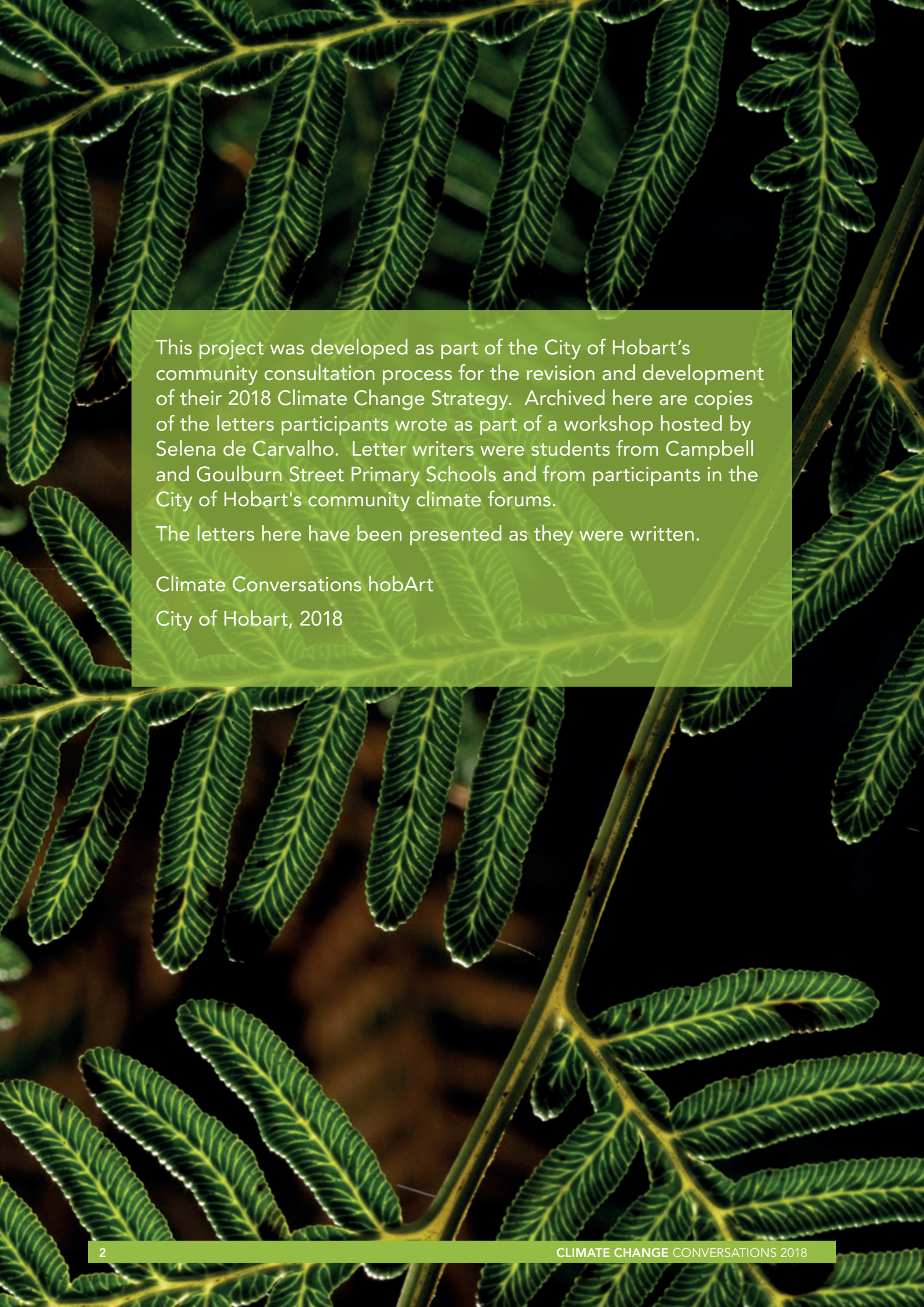


CLIMATE CHANGE

CONVERSATIONS 2018



City of **HOBART**



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The letters here have been presented as they were written.

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City of Hobart, 2018

TO MY DEAREST GREAT,
GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT,
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GRANDCHILDREN...

I am Ruben your distant ancestor.
How is the environment now? Is everything alright?

I just want to make sure you're safe.

Yours Sincerely,
Ruben

How's life, hard? Climate is going good, kind of, we're working hard. We live a pretty good life for 2018. I wish I could meet you, I wonder if you're funny like me. Well see ya.

Yours sincerely,

Your 17 Great Grandfather
Alexander Stolp

Ps. I'm 10 years old.

I think that things may have changed by now so I will tell you about 2018. Climate change is a known problem and people are beginning to take a stand against it.

Yours sincerely,
Penelope

Hi however many greats grandchildren,

I hope for your sake that the environment hasn't changed much but if it has I am deeply sorrowed. In my days there were many trees. I hope that there are just as many trees now.

Yours sincerely,
Vincent Stock

Global warming has started going faster than usual.

It has been a real issue for us all at home we have a tiny veggie garden.

Yours sincerely,
Bonnie

Hello! I hope life on the planet earth is an amazing place. We are sorry that some of the things we did might have hurt the planet. We are trying our best to think every day about how we can make sure the planet gets healthier.

Yours sincerely,
Sophy G

Dear Beryl and Merrie,

I just want to let you know that I am trying to make the world for you and your friends a better place by living in the Hobart City and by helping in all that they are doing to educate Tasmania and mitigate climate change. Those are big ideas but one day you will understand!

Yours sincerely,
Love from Granny XX

When I am writing this it is the 14th of the 2nd 2018. Right now climate change is getting worse and worse. It's getting hotter and hotter and plants and animals are dying and the ice caps are melting so please help the environment to fix it.

Yours sincerely,
Your great, great, great grandfather
Ignatius Mondo Taylor Mooney

We tried, and we learned over the generations.
We are glad you're still around to read this!

Yours sincerely,
Peter B

Things would have changed by now so let me tell you about 2018 we run our cars on petrol, our climate is changing the sea level is rising.

Yours sincerely,
Diva

In a world born for you – you have a chance to be a leader – one that considers not only your well-being, but the sustainment of this abode, your earth, your home.

Take care to be an instrument for the cause towards a life truly clean and worth living – it is yours to treasure and is the eternity that will enlighten the humanity to come.

Love yourself, be endearing to others, and hold within your heart the lasting hope of a tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,
Jack Buzelin (Taroona, Tasmania)

How are you? When I was alive I loved dogs!
Do you? What's your favourite animal and colour?

Yours sincerely,
Claudia Goddard



PLEASE WRITE A LETTER TO
A SEASON...

YOU COULD REFLECT ON
CLIMATE INSTABILITY, AND
HOW THIS IS AFFECTING
YOUR FAVOURITE SEASON...

TO MY MOST FAVOURITE OF SEASONS Winter

You're my favourite season I love when I wake up on a sunny winters morning and come out among the frost and the nice cold air and scooting to school.

Affectionately yours,
Nicholas Eccleston

TO MY MOST FAVOURITE OF SEASONS Summer

Summer you are nice.

I like you because you can eat ice cream all day until you are sick and can go on holidays and eat treats and go to the beach.

Affectionately yours,
Abi pecl

TO MY MOST FAVOURITE OF SEASONS Spring

The flowering bulbs bloom too soon and they are too early because it's too hot.

Stay cool please. I love the flowers.

Affectionately yours,
Barb

TO MY MOST FAVOURITE OF SEASONS Winter

I hope you never get to 30 degrees because that would be scary. You would have no snow or rain and imagine how hot summer would be!

Affectionately yours,
Louie

TO MY MOST FAVOURITE OF SEASONS Summer

If I had rights, I would enshrine in law all the present practices which are ruining my life. These include excess use of plastic which is polluting the seas and damaging birds and fish. Most importantly I would outlaw CO² and NOX producing fuels, and encourage their speedy replacement with other forms of energy.

Affectionately yours,
Ann C Gee (From London UK)

TO MY MOST FAVOURITE OF SEASONS Autumn

I love your colour – don't ever lose it – you inspire me to do more

Affectionately yours,
Ani

TO MY MOST FAVOURITE OF SEASONS Autumn

Hi Autumn, did you know that I love autumn for two reasons firstly because my birthday is in autumn and secondly because I love the leaf colours.

Affectionately yours
Alexander Stolp

TO MY MOST FAVOURITE OF SEASONS Summer

Hi Summer you will get hotter and I can eat two ice creams a day!!!

TO MY MOST FAVOURITE OF SEASONS Summer

I like summer because you can go to the beach and eat ice cream and because you can play outside.

Affectionately yours,
Sahara Lateef

TO MY MOST FAVOURITE OF SEASONS Summer

I really enjoyed being able to go outside and not put on that really slimy cold sunscreen. Every time I go outside my mum is like "come on put sunscreen on. You will get burnt." When I run outside on a hot day, my shoes become a disgrace (my mum calls them dead rat carcasses)! I admit it's always been like that but now it's worse than ever!

Affectionately yours,
Billy

TO MY MOST FAVOURITE OF SEASONS Summer

I don't like that most of the week it's sunny and on the weekends it's raining. This has to stop! I'm getting sick of all the heat waves and all the rain.

Can u please be nice?
Affectionately yours,
Lockie Fox

TO MY MOST FAVOURITE OF SEASONS Winter

I like winter for two reasons

1. Snow is in my month
2. June is my favourite month

Affectionately yours,
Wes



PLEASE WRITE A LETTER TO
THE ENVIRONMENT...

YOU COULD REFLECT ON
WHAT THE FUTURE MIGHT BE
LIKE IF THE ENVIRONMENT
HAD RIGHTS...

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

My gift to you is to not have children. I hope that you like it. I know that is ok. Maybe something will happen and you'll be able to start a fresh, shed your skin like a lizard, and many amazing new creatures and environment will flourish

Earnestly yours
Tim Smith

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

I hope you remain strong and powerful.

I hope our government and the governments of the future continue to implement strong and powerful legislation that protects you for eternity.

Please stay strong, fresh, clean and beautiful through this path of human induced calamity that is climate change. Don't let humans win. We need you more than you need us. Please teach us quickly to respect you, but don't cause too much hurt, just enough to make us learn.

You are beautiful than you for keeping us alive.

Earnestly yours,
Jen Brow

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

I am very apologetic about many humans of my species treating your wonderful lands like a dump (literally). To the forest, sorry about the horrible litter polluting your amazing ecosystems. To the vast ocean, sorry about the 8,000,000 metric tonnes of plastic ruining the wonders of the sea. To the animals, sorry for logging, polluting and destroying the wonderful place that you call home.

Earnestly yours,
Monique L Schnitzer

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

I want you to be a healthy environment and try not get polluted do you're very best.

Earnestly yours,
Wes

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

You already have the inherent right to exist and be healthy. I'm sorry that right is not often being exercised. Thank you for being beautiful and amazing.

Earnestly yours
Amanda Blakney

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

I want you to be very healthy and awesome environment. And don't get polluted

Earnestly yours,
Spike

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

I am so sorry that we have treated your so badly. I wish I could change the past but everyone knows that it will never happen. I hope it gets better for you we are trying to make it better for you.

Earnestly yours,
Sophie Corrigan

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

I'm truly sorry about what the human race has been doing to you with cutting down all the trees and things like that. But if you think about it, we're kind of helping by doing things like picking rosemary to help it grow. But I guess we're not doing much anyway. I guess you have us to blame with killing the environment and all, sorry.

Earnestly yours,
Bettina

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

I never want you to get hurt because that would be really bad and I hope you never get too hot because that would be worse and none of your trees never get cut down.

Earnestly yours,
Aidan

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

If you had a voice would you say that humans were to stop picking all of the flowers and tree branches? So that they would get a longer life. Or would you tell them to stop littering because eventually it all ends up in the ocean and effects sea life.

Earnestly yours,
Gemma

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

We are all very sorry because we have been giving you a lot of waste. And it has not been good so me and others will try hard not to waste.

Earnestly yours,
Astrid

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

We are SORRY for doing badly to the world we will try to fix all the bad we have done to your world.

Earnestly yours,
Lucas Honey

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

Sorry about cutting down your trees and eating your plants I hope you are ok with it.

Earnestly yours,
Bonnie

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

On behalf of us humans I am really sorry of what big mistake we have made. We have polluted the once beautiful ocean, killed hundreds of animals including our very own Tassie tiger, we have even cut down many of trees. We will try and fix you.

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

I am so sorry we have polluted your land, destroying it and killing animals, I know it is wrong so I will help. I will tell others and co-operate with them to make the world a better place.

Earnestly yours,
Emma Fanning

DEAR ENVIRONMENT,

I am sincerely sorry for the world treating you like a trash can, instead of the living, breathing thing you are. I am sorry for the 8,000,000 metric tons of plastic that goes into your oceans every year. I am sorry for the toxic greenhouse gasses, clogging your airways. I am sorry for the sea levels slowly, but surely rising in the Antarctic. And for all that I promise to make a change.

Earnestly yours,
Rafi Cameron

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