

Dear Chameleon,

We are devastated to hear about the loss of your forests, all the beautiful animals in the Sahara and of course the wonderful colour in the reefs off the coast of Australia. We understand that our apology won't change the state of things, but we assure you that we are doing everything we can to prevent it.

On the subject of deforestation, we are working extremely hard to plant and make sure that trees aren't chopped down purely for humans' benefit. Though we do understand that people these days chop down hundreds if not thousands more trees than is necessary. There are many humans that aren't at all considerate and are simply stupid with their actions. But we are not these humans and we are doing everything we can to stop deforestation.

Animal poaching is a tragedy beyond terrible. Your cousin is a witness to the appalling work of poachers (if you can call it work) and we would like to remind you that those people are monsters that we ourselves cannot control. There are trained volunteers working in the plains to stop animal poaching. And, in these situations, if what they do to begin with isn't enough to save the creatures from being killed, the volunteers will take action. This can include threats for prosecution or prison sentences and sometimes even death as these volunteers *are* armed and they will do anything to protect the animals.

Coral bleaching is something that ravages all things good about the oceans. Your friend Taz was understandably shocked by this. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions is one of our main priorities. For this isn't needed as much as we use it. Colour is something that lights up the world and in this case the ocean. Seeing the colour disappearing from this world is beyond words. Our government is making a change to how much greenhouse gas emissions we are creating. I promise this will make a difference.

We are deeply sorry for all the hurt caused for you, your friends and family. It isn't in our power to stop it, but we will make sure that the people who have the power make a change.

Yours sincerely

*Jasmine and Sophie*