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Dear Lisa Graham,

My name is Heidi Bromley and I go to Sacred Heart College in Geelong. I am writing to you with regard to Slavery in Australia. In my English Unit at school, we have been studying the novel *Lion* by Saroo Brierley. It has inspired me to look deeper into how slavery impacts children and women around the world and especially in Australia. Modern slavery usually happens due to poverty, discrimination, civil disruption and armed conflict, weak rule of law, natural disasters, forced marriage. I care about this topic because it's a huge violation of human rights and I believe people must be able to have control over their life.

As you are already aware slavery is a big problem on our earth and 49.6 million people live in slavery. Even Australia who classifies themselves as a modern western country still feels the impact of slavery with over 1,900 people experiencing it. I interviewed Tristan Cook who's the Sustainability officer of ANL CGM and I talked to him about how they are a Shipping company that helps solve the problem by making sure they are not shipping anything that is manufactured by people who are suffering from slavery. And making sure everything they ship is made ethically. I'm happy that some places around the country are doing things to fix this problem but it also makes me want to do more. I want to make sure everyone is aware of the slavery that is happening all over the world and the impacts it has on people and families. And I want to make sure that everyone can contribute to helping people who are going through slavery.

As you can tell, I'm deeply passionate about this topic of eradicating slavery in Australia, and I have some questions about how we can contribute to helping this cause. Are there any ways we can help, if so, what actions can we take? What initiatives can we implement in schools to help raise awareness of Modern Slavery? What specific things are in place to support those suffering from this violation and how effective are they? I'm particularly interested in learning more about how programs already support these victims and what types of resources and support are being provided to help these victims to recover their lives. I would really appreciate it if you could share your knowledge and experiences related to these questions.

Thank you for taking the time for reading my letter, looking forward to hearing from you,

Sincerely,

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