

## **Kai to Wakea**

Imagine a grey dismal sky and brown oceans with piles of garbage on the ground, a horrible stench in the air with people walking about wearing oxygen masks and gloves. No children play at the park, no one swims in the waters, plants are dead and the sun is hidden behind a cloud of thick smoke. In fifty years Hawaii will look like this. Sadly pollution is becoming a problem in Hawaii. Since kai, aina, and wakea, or ocean, land, and sky are the three main types of pollution, we wisely need green, and simple solutions, which as a community we can solve. The more pollution, less Hawaii will prosper. Helping Hawaii have a clean environment is very important, kai to wakea.

Kai pollution is currently a major issue in Hawaii. Sadly our island of Oahu reached its sewage capacity 15 years ago and since then so much raw sewage has been dumped in the ocean. Oahu has a one-step sewage system treatment plant that treats the sewage and from there it is disposed of in the ocean. Because of this, our island needs to install a second step plant to treat it further. Instead of dumping it, it could actually be used to water plants. Dumping all our waste in the ocean is harmful to aquatic life and those who enjoy to swim in the waters. Since Hawaii is famous for its tropical beaches, we have a responsibility to keep the oceans clean and safe. During these past months, beaches have been closed due to dumping, which creates unsafe and unsanitary waters to swim in. This is causing brown oceans. If we came together and everyone did their part we could restore our beaches to family friendly swimming spots. Help Hawaii fight kai pollution.

Land pollution hurts the aina like a cigarette hurts the lungs. When people carelessly throw their rubbish on the ground it is not only unsanitary, but is an inconvenience to those who have to clean it up. Setting up more available trash bins encourages people to dispose of rubbish

properly. In addition, littering fines should be stricter and enforced more as a consequence.

Hopefully, if someone sees trash on the ground they do the earth and their community a favor by picking it up. Littering causes a dirty environment. Pollution hurts the aina.

Wakea pollution is in the sky. Driving is getting harder because of how much traffic there is. Because of all the cars and trucks on the road the air is slowly becoming polluted. Thankfully the solution to this is easy and simple. Car pool with friends and family. Another way to help out is to catch the bus to work or school. Smoke also comes from boats. In Hawaii most of our food supply is transported from the mainland. All the boats that come in and out of Hawaii's harbors have the same effect on the air as the cars. Going back to our roots and growing our own produce is an awesome way to save money and help the planet, which would also provide more jobs, since people would need to work in the fields. Help the wakea by cutting back on sky pollution.

Kai to wakea. We have covered the areas of pollution from ocean to sky. Having more pollution means less Hawaii. Although all forms of pollution are horrible, ocean pollution is the most significant because Hawaii is broadly known for its beautiful beaches. Clarence T.C Ching would want the aina to be clean for Hawaii's future generations because he was always giving back to the community. Hopefully, we can come together for a better cause which affects us all. In the end not all problems can be completely solved but we can prevent them from becoming worse as a community. Prevent pollution kai to wakea.