**Feature Articles – Writing on Crisis**

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2024/mar/03/australia-homelessness-crisis-feature>

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-025-00293-y>

<https://mosaicmagazine.com/essay/politics-current-affairs/2024/05/the-exodus-project-a-jewish-answer-to-the-university-crisis/>

<https://www.cnet.com/personal-finance/credit-cards/features/maxed-out-inside-americas-credit-card-debt-crisis-and-what-we-do-next/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/inequality/article/2024/may/05/australia-rental-crisis-cost-of-living>

<https://au.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-features/australias-climate-crisis-66797/>

**Task – Choose ONE of the feature articles from the links above, all of which revolve around particular crises. Using the checklist below, give details as to how the piece fits into the expected characteristics and structures of a feature article (note – your chosen piece may not hit every mark, but in that case, give suggestions as to why this might be the case). You must QUOTE from your chosen article underneath each of the check boxes.**

**Title & Headline**

The headline performs two important functions. An effective headline:

 Grabs the reader's attention and persuades them to read the article

 Highlights the main idea of the article.

**Introduction**

The first paragraph outlines the subject or theme of the article, it may also:

 Provoke the reader's interest by making an unusual statement.

 Provide any necessary background information.

 Invite the reader to take sides by making a controversial statement.

 Create a relationship between the writer and the reader.

**Details (The Main Article)**

The middle section consists of a number of paragraphs that expand the main topic of the article into subtopics. The usual components are:

** Subheadings**

 Facts and statistics which support the writer's opinion.

 Opinions and quotes from authorities and experts.

 Anecdotes and stories

**Conclusion**

The concluding paragraph should leave a lasting impression by:

 Reminding the reader of the article's main idea

 Suggesting an appropriate course of action.

 Encouraging a change of attitude or opinion.

**Language of Feature Articles**

 A personal tone is created through the use of informal, colloquial (slang) and first-person narrative.

 Relevant jargon adds authenticity to the information and opinions.

 Anecdotes help to maintain reader interest.

 Facts validate the writer's viewpoints.

 Emotive language is used to evoke a personal response in the reader.

 The use of direct quotes personalises the topic.