These are potential facts that can be included in the poster:

## The Great Barrier Reef

- The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system and is listed on the Seven Natural Wonders of the World on the UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- This coral reef system consists of 2,900 individual reefs, 900 islands and covers 344,400 square kilometres.
- It is located in the coral sea, north-east coast of Queensland, Australia.
- The Great Barrier Reef stretches over 2600 km and it is between 15 km and 150 km from shore. The width of the reef is up to 65 km.
- The Great Barrier Reef is home to a wide range of life, including over 1500 different species of fish, sea turtles, giant clam, seahorse, sea snakes, nudibranch, sea turtles, stingray, sharks, whales, dolphins and many more.
- The Great Barrier Reef attracts 2 million tourists every year.
- This gives the Great Barrier Reef a huge value to Australia (it contributes \$6.4 billion to Australia's wealth each year).
- It also provides 64,000 jobs.
- This means the area is very busy. We already know this from the last lesson on Australia when we found out that this area was densely populated.

## Barren land

- 35% of Australia is barren land, which means these areas are inhabitable.
- They are unable to grow crops, there is limited (if any) access to water sources and almost no transport links to main areas.
- It is dry and hot and has limited water sources, there are only small lakes but not rivers running though.
- It is more difficult to build there because of the poor transport links to main areas and limited access to water sources.
- The climate here limits job opportunities.
- If there are little to no job opportunities then people will choose not to live here.

## Example pros and cons for living in each area:

<u>Great Barrier Reef</u> - Pros: plenty of job opportunities, live in a busy, upbeat area. Cons: The life you live in the area of the Great Barrier Reef might be very busy and tiring.

**Barren land** - Pros: quiet area surrounded by natural beauty. Cons: Very isolated area with no transport links, and little water sources - it might be challenging to live there.