

## Section 1:

#1 "Currently, the area is broken. The slide, once used as a gateway to the state of exhilaration, is now used to instill fear in our minds as the metal burns the sensitive skin of our weeping children."

Strengths:

- Your use of vivid contrast between past enjoyment and current danger creates emotional impact
- Your descriptive language effectively conveys the severity of the playground's condition

Weaknesses: Emotional Exaggeration → Your language here becomes overly dramatic with phrases like "weeping children," which might reduce credibility with a business owner. A more balanced approach would maintain emotional appeal while presenting the problem realistically.  
***The slide, once a source of joy and excitement, now poses a genuine safety hazard as the metal surface overheats and causes burns to children's sensitive skin.***

#2 "The playground has transformed into a treacherous landscape of lurking dangers, where our students fight daily battles against injuries. This building, a graveyard made of student's hearts as they melt into disparity while their eyes turn bright red while they engage in a war, a war with blood and severe harm."

Strengths:

- Your metaphorical language creates powerful imagery
- Your commitment to highlighting the seriousness of the situation is clear

Weaknesses: Overblown Imagery → The metaphors become excessive with phrases like "graveyard made of student's hearts" and "war with blood," making your argument seem less credible. More specific examples of actual injuries would be more persuasive to a council member.  
***Our playground has deteriorated into a hazardous environment where students regularly suffer injuries. Last month alone, several children required first aid after incidents on the faulty equipment, causing distress to both students and parents.***

#3 "With your help in the playground renovation, you would be esteemed and famous. Everyone would applaud you, as the man who fixed our playground. From a hell-like state, the play area would transform into Heaven."

Strengths:

- Your appeal to recognition and reputation is a smart persuasive technique

- Your writing shows enthusiasm and positive vision for the outcome

Weaknesses: Unrealistic Promises → The claims about becoming "esteemed and famous" and comparisons to "Heaven" overstate the likely outcomes and might seem insincere to the recipient. More realistic benefits would be more convincing. ***By supporting the playground renovation, your company would gain positive recognition in our community. Parents and students would greatly appreciate your contribution, and your business would be acknowledged as a responsible community partner.***

■ Your persuasive emails show good passion and creativity, but could benefit from more focus on specific details and realistic solutions. Try toning down the dramatic language and instead provide concrete examples of the problems. For instance, mention specific injuries that have occurred or particular equipment that's most dangerous. Also, when asking for help, be more specific about what exactly you want them to do. Your formal email does this better with the mention of community grants and parent committee involvement. Additionally, try to match your tone to your audience—business owners and council members respond better to clear facts and reasonable requests rather than emotional pleas. You could also strengthen your argument by suggesting a specific timeline for repairs and explaining how the improved playground would benefit the whole community, not just the students.

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Score: 42/50

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## Section 2:

Subject: 🚨 Our Playground Is Falling Apart 🚨

Hi Sam,

Have you seen the sorry state of our playground recently? It went from awesome, to awful. However, I think that if we work together, we could make this play area into something amazing. As the business owner of the largest construction company in Sydney, you have the power to fix the current state of our play area. ~~Prioritising~~ [Prioritising] one goal, you could light up many children's faces.

#1 Currently, the area is broken. The slide, once used as a gateway to the state of exhilaration, is now used to instill fear in our minds as the metal burns the sensitive skin of our weeping children. The swing was made to be an exciting ride. However, it turned against its own will, with the metal bars searing young flesh on contact and the chains slowly falling apart like a wet page. These issues are significantly hazardous, with many parents having to pick up their students from school with ~~despondence of the fact that~~ [despondent about] there's no telling what could happen to their children next.

This is something unacceptable, but it could also be presented as an opportunity for you. Your business could be promoted if you swooped in to take the opportunity. As they always say, the early bird gets the worm. #3 With your help in the playground renovation, you would be esteemed and famous. Everyone would applaud you, as the man who fixed our playground. From a hell-like state, the play area would transform into Heaven. You would get your fame, and I would get my playground back. I am urging you, with the last remaining embers of my heart's flames, please consider my request.

Thanks A Lot, Saathvik Kapavarapu The kid who's tired of tetanus-risk tetherball 😊

**Subject:** School Playground Safety Violations Require Council Intervention

**Dear Councillor Smith,**

I write to you as both a concerned student representative and a young citizen of our community regarding a matter that creates harm and violates our safety standards. The school playground. This particular structure ~~implicates~~ [represents] a proverbial graveyard of students as they twist their ankles while climbing the monkey bars, as they fall off the swings as it breaks into subtle pieces, or even burning to a crisp while the absence of shade allows the sun to simmer the skin of your citizens. The number of safety regulations this playground contravenes has ~~imposed~~ [compelled] me to send this email to you, an email addressing the problems and solutions with the current standards of our play area, in hope that you will fix them.

#2 Our playground has transformed into a treacherous landscape of lurking dangers, where our students fight daily battles against injuries. This building, a graveyard made of ~~student's~~ [students'] hearts as they melt into ~~disparity~~ [despair] while their eyes turn bright red while they engage in a war, a war with blood and severe harm. Do you want a school full of students who get hurt every day, rather than a peaceful alma mater? The slide, once a gateway to exhilaration, has now transcended to a more fearful form. It's now a scorching torture device, reaching up to temperatures that sear young flesh on contact. The swings, which were once full of pride, are now wounded soldiers with ~~its~~ [their] metal supports weeping tears of rust.

The ground beneath the equipment erodes into a perilous moonscape as you walk on it. Strolling across the sharp, stale grass feels like walking on minute pieces of glass as they snare unsuspecting feet like nature's cruel traps. Last week alone, three students' cries echoed across the town, while serving as a daily reminder of our collective failure to protect them. The nurse reports a 67% increase in the number of injuries compared to last year, and the statistics show that this is directly caused by the playground. These aren't mere numbers, these are children's pains and tears.

I understand that budget constraints may be tight, which is why the Student Council has researched cost-effective solutions. We've identified ~~that~~ [that there are] 3 community grants specifically for playground renovations and a phased school safety plan ~~prioritises~~ [that prioritises] the most dangerous areas first. Additionally, our parent committee has expressed willingness to participate in supervised working bees to reduce labour costs.

Please discuss this with me in more detail on any day of the week. I am available from 9 am to 6 pm on weekends, and on weekdays free from 4 pm to 8 pm. Together we can transform this battlefield into a sanctuary of child development that it was meant to be. This playground should be a place where children's laughter arises, and we will definitely make it that way.

Yours sincerely, Saathvik Kapavarapu Student Council Safety Representative Year 6