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Section 1:

#1 - Paragraph 1 Strengths: ■ Your vivid descriptions create a beautiful image of the creek before pollution. ■ You effectively establish a contrast between what the creek was and what it becomes.

Weaknesses: Repetitive language → You use similar phrases like "calm peaceful haven," "gentle waters," "soft, gentle flow" in close proximity. This makes your introduction feel repetitive rather than rich in detail. For example, when you write "Its very easy to find wildlife near the creek" and then later "Its an easy task to find animals over there," you're essentially saying the same thing twice.

Exemplar: ***I once thought of Silverwater Creek as a sanctuary of peace, where gentle waters created a symphony of soft splashes, attracting diverse wildlife from kangaroos to fish.***

#2 - Paragraph 2 Strengths: ■ Your paragraph effectively communicates the community's strong reaction to the pollution. ■ You successfully establish the significance of the creek to Silverwater's identity.

Weaknesses: Unclear chronology → The timeline of events is confusing as you jump between "yesterday on the news," then to protests, then back to "yesterday someone found three dead snakes." This makes it difficult to follow when discoveries were made and how quickly events unfolded. The sentence "As soon as the news was spread out, people started noticing dead animals" suggests immediate consequences that would realistically take time to develop.

Exemplar: ***After the news broke about Silverwater Creek's pollution, our community—proud winners of NSW's cleanest city award for seven consecutive years—immediately organised protests while environmental damage became increasingly visible each day.***

#3 - Paragraph 3 Strengths: ■ Your description of the polluted creek creates a powerful visual image. ■ You effectively introduce the mystery of where the pollution came from.

Weaknesses: Rushed resolution → The conclusion of your story feels rushed compared to how you built up the problem. You spend most of the article describing the pollution crisis but resolve everything in just a few sentences with "A few more months later, all the damage was reversed." This doesn't give readers a satisfying sense of how the cleanup happened or what specific actions were taken to restore the creek.

Exemplar: ***Over the following months, volunteers from both Silverwater and the neighbouring city worked tirelessly to remove every piece of rubbish, replant native***

vegetation along the banks, and gradually reintroduce fish species that had disappeared during the crisis.

■ Your feature article has a compelling environmental message that readers can connect with. You've created a strong beginning by painting a picture of the beautiful creek before pollution struck. However, your article would benefit from a clearer timeline of events. Try to organise your story in a way that follows a logical sequence - before pollution, discovery of pollution, investigation, resolution.

Also, consider adding more details about how the community came together to clean up the creek. What specific actions did people take? Who were the local heroes in this story? Adding these details would make your resolution feel more complete and satisfying.

Your descriptions of the pollution are quite effective, but you could make them even stronger by focusing on specific examples rather than general statements. Instead of saying there were "thousands of bottles," you might describe one particular area of the creek that was completely covered in plastic.

Finally, think about ending your article with a message about what readers can learn from this experience. How can other communities prevent similar problems? What did Silverwater residents learn about protecting their environment?

Overall Score: 41/50

Section 2:

Silverwater Creek pollution crisis at its verge!

~~Everyday~~ [Every day] I usually think ~~a~~ [of a] creek as a calm ~~peaceful~~ [peaceful] haven that holds serenity ~~whithin~~ [within] its calm hold. Its gentle waters giving ~~of~~ [off] a quiet sprinkle of water as some droplets go tip tap on the ground around it. ~~Its~~ [It's] very easy to find wildlife near the creek as the soft, gentle flow of the water is ~~an~~ [a] call for the perfect environments around the creek. Yesterday ~~im~~ [I'm] pretty sure I saw a kangaroo over there! ~~Its~~ [It's] an easy task to find animals over there. ~~Im~~ [I'm] pretty sure that ~~there a~~ [there are] lot more ~~animal~~ [animals] than water in the creek! I always thought that the creek was a perfect haven and a beacon ~~a~~ [of] peace, hope and calmness. Or at least that ~~what I though~~ [was what I thought]. #1

It happened recently, yesterday on the news it said that the nearby local creek was under attack from large ~~amasses~~ [amounts] of ~~polution~~ [pollution]. Experts say that this is a ~~majour~~ [major] threat to the ~~environmet~~ [environment], wildlife and the surrounding ~~inhabbitants~~ [inhabitants]/residents. As soon as people saw this news, they went ~~up~~ crazy. They sent out

hundreds of protests to stop pollution. The area went crazy because silverwater city has won the cleanest city in NSW award 7 years in a row! That's why this meant a lot to them. They want to keep their streak. Anyways, this was very bad. Bad for the environment, bad for the animals, bad for food sources and bad for the residents. ~~this~~ [This] was indeed a huge and dangerous issue. As soon as the news was spread out, people started noticing dead animals and plants near the pollution outbreak ~~yesterday~~ [. Yesterday,] someone found three dead ~~snaked~~ [snakes] near a riverbank in silverwater city river. It was easy to find the difference. Before the outbreak, the creek was a pristine, crystal clear, clean ~~and an~~ [and a] source of wildlife and plants. Now it looked terrible. ~~Bite~~ [Bits] of ~~bottlesswimming~~ [bottles swimming] towards the shore, most of the water was blocked by thousands of bottles, plastic bags, tissues and even a few car tires! #2

Many news reports came and the pollution outbreak wasn't getting better. In fact it was getting a lot worse. At this point you could now never ever find an animal near the ~~so-called-creak~~ [so-called creek]. Oh and by the way the creek has stopped flowing entirely. All the mess and trash was creating an entire polluted dam! The water had now turned into a dark and ~~murk~~ [murky] brown. All fish that used to inhabit the ~~creak~~ [creek] were now lifelessly resting ~~sideway~~ [sideways] on the ~~waters~~ [water's] surface. ~~Scientist~~ [Scientists] from all over the world came to investigate the outbreak ~~to~~ [. To] our surprise, it wasn't our mess, it was a nearby city's mess! Many people were angry about this news and the council of our city even decided to put a blame on the other city. The other city then got reported and is under investigation by the government.

After a few months, the truth came out to the ~~punblic~~ [public]. The other city had this problem with their trash and one of their garbage trucks were caught in an accident and ~~that~~ all the trash fell into the creek below. This then caused the trash to flow down the creek and as a result, all the trash started to pile up in our creek. The other city was very sorry and in return ~~in~~ [it] stated that it would help to recover all the harms that ~~has~~ [had] been done and that they would give the council a good $10,000 in cash to make it up to the silverwater council and its residents. A few more months later, all the damage was reversed and all the wildlife that was gone has now been reintroduced to the once-again, ~~pristene~~ [pristine] and clear waters of the silverwater creek. #3