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Section 1:

#1 "In recent times, our local lake Silverwater has been flooded with pollution. A once colourful place appealing to those of all ages and species has now become wasted, arid and polluted. There used to be children running around chasing the laughing wildlife while adults took a well needed relaxation under the cool shade of a tree. Now, the water is grey and filled with junk. The smell of rubbish and dead fish lingers around any-one who is deceived by the wastelands previous glory until they crack and flee."

Strengths: ■ Your opening paragraph sets a strong contrast between past and present conditions of the lake. ■ You've used sensory details effectively to help readers visualize and feel the current state of the lake.

Weaknesses: Lack of specific details → Your introduction could benefit from more specific examples of pollution. Instead of just saying "junk" or "rubbish," you could mention specific items like plastic bottles, shopping bags, or industrial waste. *Exemplar:* ***"Now, the water is grey and filled with plastic bottles, discarded tyres, and chemical waste. The putrid smell of rotting rubbish and dead fish follows anyone who visits."***

#2 "New research done by ERHS (Environmental River health society) shows that Silverwater is only going to create health-related issues. It is confirmed that the murky atmosphere of the lake reaches far distances and harms the lungs of anyone who breathes it in. Up to 60% of the population living anywhere within 1.6 Kilometres report having Asthma, pneumonia and other lung related issues. This adds up to the fact that they are constantly struggling to breathe because of the chemicals that are being emitted from the lake. The other 40% of people are getting infected due to touch or communication."

Strengths: ■ You've included specific percentages and distances which adds credibility to your argument. ■ Your paragraph clearly connects the lake's condition to human health problems.

Weaknesses: Unclear cause-effect relationship → You mention that 40% of people are getting infected through "touch or communication" but don't explain how this happens or what kinds of infections they're getting. This needs clarification. *Exemplar:* ***"The remaining 40% of residents suffer from skin rashes, infections, and other illnesses after coming in direct contact with lake water or through drinking water sources that have been contaminated by the lake."***

#3 "We also need to consider the wildlife. It is not right for the tadpoles, frogs, turtles and other marine life to suffer because of our actions. Many of them have been forced to flee from the creek because of the pollution we have caused and are struggling to find a new home. It is unfair for them and our children."

Strengths: ■ You've included an emotional appeal by connecting wildlife suffering to human responsibility. ■ Your paragraph addresses environmental impacts beyond just human concerns.

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped argument → This section is quite brief and could be expanded with more details about specific wildlife impacts or examples of animal suffering. *Exemplar: **"We also need to consider the wildlife. It is not right for the tadpoles, frogs, turtles and other aquatic life to suffer because of our actions. The once-thriving bird population has disappeared, fish are washing up dead on the shores, and the frogs that once created evening symphonies have fallen silent. Many creatures have been forced to flee from the creek because of the pollution we have caused and are struggling to find new homes in an increasingly developed landscape."***

■ Your feature article shows passion for the topic and includes several persuasive approaches. You've addressed health concerns, economic impacts, future generations, and wildlife considerations. These multiple angles strengthen your argument for cleaning up Silverwater lake. Your concluding paragraph effectively calls readers to action with emotional language.

To improve your piece, try adding more vivid, specific details throughout. For example, instead of just saying the water is "grey and filled with junk," describe exactly what kind of pollution you see. Also, consider balancing emotional appeals with more concrete examples of how the community can help. Your section on wildlife is quite brief compared to other sections - expanding this would strengthen your article.

Additionally, your article would benefit from stronger transitions between paragraphs to help guide readers through your argument. Some of your health claims in paragraph two need better explanation, particularly how 40% of people are getting "infected through communication." Try to maintain a consistent tone throughout - sometimes your writing shifts between formal and casual styles.

Overall Score: 42/50

Section 2:

Save Silverwaters ~~slipping~~ [slipping] soul!

#1 In recent times, our local lake Silverwater has been flooded with pollution. A once colourful place appealing to those of all ages and species has now become wasted, arid and polluted. There used to be children running around chasing the laughing wildlife while adults took a well ~~needed~~ [needed] relaxation under the cool shade of a tree. Now, the water is grey and filled with junk. The smell of rubbish and dead fish lingers around ~~any-one~~ [anyone] who is deceived by the ~~wastelands~~ [wasteland's] previous glory until they crack and flee.

#2 New research done by ERHS (Environmental River ~~health~~ [Health] ~~society~~ [Society]) shows that Silverwater is only going to create health-related issues. It is confirmed that the murky atmosphere of the lake reaches far distances and harms the lungs of anyone who breathes it in. Up to 60% of the population living anywhere within 1.6 ~~Kilometres~~ [kilometres] report having ~~Asthma~~ [asthma], pneumonia and other lung related issues. This adds up to the fact that they are constantly struggling to breathe because of the chemicals that are being emitted from the lake. The other 40% of people are getting infected due to touch or communication.

Lead scientist Max Wang announces his deep concern over the lake. "As the founder of the ERHS, it is my duty to research on the less fortunate rivers in the local area and try to save them. Silverwater seems to only be plummeting in its condition, very close to reaching the NR category. (Non-repairable). I believe immediate action must be taken to ensure that Silverwater is accepted in the community, and many can play there again. In fact, I too miss the days where ~~me~~ [my] and my scientists would take a break there, simply ~~socializing~~ [socialising] and having picnics with one another. It breaks my heart to see it so down.".

However, there are those who are not willing to restore the lake. Hundreds of people argue that if we did, jobs would be taken down, further downgrading our economy, and making many leave. To counteract this, I must say that due to ~~Silverwaters~~ [Silverwater's] wellbeing, the jobs are not worth it here anyway. To come here is like working back in the olden days. You go there for minimum wage and breathe dirty air. By replenishing the river, we could have new jobs such as rangers that protect wildlife. We could have lifeguards that make sure no-one is drifting down the lake. There are more ways to get a job than you may think.

Another fact I would like to add is that property has since been declining in value ever since ~~Silverwaters~~ [Silverwater's] corruption. It seems that society is not willing to pay millions to be in a polluted and dirty environment. All the waste here is already taking its toll on the current people here. Less people are going outside because they want to avoid the smell and many people are learning bad habits by dunking all of their trash into the river, thus making many of us more un-energetic than the average man. Property values have been decreased every year by a drastic ~~%18~~ [18%]. This is worse for our economy.

Another thing we need to think about is the future of our community. If we do not act and wait for Silverwater to slowly degrade, our children will inherit almost nothing. Just a house worth a few hundred-thousand dollars and a dirty lake that will always turn the whole town grey. Previously it was a vibrant, sparkling area with the power to evoke happiness in even the dullest of people. The sun ~~shined~~ [shone] brightly on the water and every mid-night sparkle was as precious as a jewel. By not helping our lake, we are taking away the happiness of many others who had fun and happy memories in here and even worse, our future will not even have any of them.

#3 We also need to consider the wildlife. It is not right for the tadpoles, frogs, turtles and other marine life to suffer because of our actions. Many of them have been forced to flee from the creek because of the pollution we have caused and are struggling to find a new home. It is unfair for them and our children.

So, as the sunset falls and we all suffer another day of isolation, I compel you to take part in this parade. We need all the help we can get if we want our future to be as vivid and gleaming as our past. It is possible to reverse what we have done. If we work together and make sure we use cleaning technologies and community cleanups, I am sure we can turn our beloved creek around. We need all the help we can get if we really want to alter the creek. I hope you have read this, and I have convinced you to help. This creek is our legacy and it is up to us to save it.