

Section 1:

Part #1: Strengths: Your opening paragraph creates a powerful before-and-after contrast. Your descriptive language effectively paints a vivid picture of the creek's transformation.

Weakness: Lack of specific timeline → Your piece mentions "Just a few years ago" which is vague. Readers need a more precise timeframe to understand how quickly this environmental degradation has occurred. Phrases like "crystal-clear water glistened" and "now murky and polluted" create contrast but lack temporal specificity.

Exemplar: *Just five years ago, Silverwater Creek was brimming with life – the crystal-clear water glistened in the sun while children ventured through the grassy banks dotted with wildflowers that filled the air with a soft, floral perfume.*

Part #2: Strengths: You effectively incorporate ethos-building elements through the citation of an academic institution and a medical expert. The inclusion of statistical data (62% rise in animal fatalities) adds credibility.

Weakness: Underdeveloped research evidence → The mention of "Recent environmental studies" lacks detail about specific findings. The 62% statistic stands alone without context about the baseline period or comparative figures. The section introduces Dr. Elaina James but doesn't fully utilise her expertise beyond a single data point.

Exemplar: *Recent environmental studies conducted by Garland University's Department of Environmental Sciences have revealed alarming levels of pollution in Silverwater Creek, with chemical runoff from nearby industrial sites contributing to water toxicity levels now eight times higher than national safety standards. Dr. Elaina James, a local physician who has monitored the creek's impact on community health for seven years, reports a 62% rise in animal fatalities within 2 kilometres of the creek since 2020.*

Part #3: Strengths: You present a balanced perspective by including the industrial viewpoint. The inclusion of a resident's personal experience adds emotional weight to the environmental argument.

Weakness: Incomplete PEEL structure → Your paragraph begins with a point (industrial perspective) and evidence (McRae's quote), but lacks sufficient explanation and link back to the main argument. The transition between McRae's economic concerns and Lara's personal experience is abrupt without clear logical connection.

Exemplar: *Proponents of the nearby industrial operations argue that stricter environmental regulations would threaten local jobs and economic stability. "We have been here for over twenty years," says Jordan McRae, owner of McRae's Car Manufacturers. "If we were expected to close down and move somewhere else, it'd cost my company millions in relocation expenses and potentially force redundancies." However, this economic perspective fails to account for the growing healthcare and environmental restoration costs already burdening the community. Local resident Lara Williams describes how her daughter developed painful rashes after walking near the creek on her way to school. "She kept scratching until she bled. Eventually, the NHS had to provide specialised treatment for chemical exposure," she recalls.*

■ Your article establishes a compelling narrative about environmental damage, but could benefit from more comprehensive development. The structure needs to more clearly follow the PEEL (Point, Evidence, Explanation, Link) format, especially in developing your explanations and linking back to your main argument. Also, your piece would be strengthened by including more specific data about the contamination levels and their health impacts. The personal stories you've included are powerful, but could be enhanced with more specific details about how the community has been affected over time. You might also consider expanding the discussion of potential solutions in your conclusion to give readers a more concrete understanding of what actions could be taken. Additionally, your call to action needs to specify who should take action and what specific steps should be implemented to restore Silverwater Creek.

Overall score: 43/50

Section 2:

Once a Haven, Now a Hazard: Silverwater's Tragic Transformation

#1: Just a few years ago, Silverwater Creek was brimming with life – the crystal-clear water glistened in the sun while kids ventured through the grassy banks dotted with colourful blossoms that filled the air with a soft, floral perfume. But today, the creek tells a different story. The once pristine waters are now murky and polluted with benzene, trichloroethylene, and polychlorinated biphenyls, and the once fragrant flowers now wilt in the putrid smell of decay. What was once a beloved spot for families and wildlife is now unrecognisable and unsafe for both the people who live around here and the fauna that once called it home.

#2: Recent environmental studies conducted by Garland University have revealed alarming levels of pollution in Silverwater Creek, with chemicals from nearby industrial sites contributing to the rising toxicity of the water. Dr. Elaina James, a local physician who has spent years monitoring the creek, has reported a 62% rise in animal fatalities ~~occurring~~ [occurring] within 2 kilometers of the creek.

#3: Proponents of the nearby industrial operations argue that stricter environmental regulations would threaten local jobs and force businesses to shut down. "We have been here for over twenty years," says Jordan McRae, the owner of McRae's Car ~~Manufactuers~~ [Manufacturers]. "If we were expected to close down and move somewhere else, it'd cost my company a lot of money." However, his economic argument misses the bigger picture. Environmental damage is already costing the community emotionally, physically, and financially. Local Resident Lara recalls her daughter developing painful rashes after walking near the creek when walking to school. "She kept scratching until she bled. Eventually, the government had to step in to pay for the damages," she says.

We now stand at a crossroads, where one path will take us to a barren wasteland, with contaminated waters and decaying flora and fauna, and the other will take us to a sanctuary where life can bloom once again. Silverwater Creek can be reborn. Pollution can be reversed. Cleanup technologies exist. But these solutions require what we have been missing: the collective will to protect our world. Before it's too late, let us change this hazard into a haven.