

Section 1

#1: Opening paragraph (*"Imagine a entire lake... turning a nightmare into a dream land."*)

Strengths:

- Your use of imagery creates a strong mental picture for your reader, particularly with the phrase "crystal clear that it made it to the newspapers"
- You've established an engaging tone by addressing the MP directly and using questions to involve them in your thinking

Vague Opening Focus → Your opening jumps between ideas without clearly establishing what problem you're actually writing about. You mention "a entire lake" that's crystal clear, then shift to waiting and dreaming, then suddenly discuss "our very own glorious river," and finally ask to "clean our stream." Your reader might be confused about whether you're discussing a lake, river, or stream, and whether it's already clean or needs cleaning. You need to clearly state from the start: what is the waterway called, where exactly is it, and what specific problem needs solving?

Exemplar: *"Our local waterway, Miller's Creek, has become heavily polluted with rubbish and waste. I am writing to request your support in organising a clean-up effort to restore this once-beautiful stream."*

#2: Second and third paragraphs (*"With such a sustaining waterway... one-of-a-kind results."*)

Strengths:

- You've organised your ideas into separate points, making it easier to follow your different reasons
- You show understanding that environmental improvements can have economic benefits for the community

Unsupported Claims → You make several statements without explaining how they connect to your actual situation. For instance, you mention dolphins and dugongs thriving in the waterway, but these are ocean creatures that wouldn't live in a local stream or creek. You also state there's a "1-0.01% chance of a lake in the whole world," which doesn't make sense mathematically or logically. When you write

persuasively, you need to make sure your reasons actually match the real situation you're describing and that your facts support your argument.

Exemplar: *"A clean waterway would attract local wildlife such as water birds, frogs, and freshwater fish. Families could enjoy picnics beside the creek, and local schools could use it for environmental education, which would benefit our whole community."*

#3: Fourth paragraph (*"Furthermore, with the abundance of animals... freed into open air."*)

Strengths:

- You've attempted to connect environmental action with climate change concerns, showing awareness of bigger issues
- You've included a specific statistic to support your point about methane

Unclear Logic → Your reasoning in this paragraph is difficult to follow. You suggest that cleaning the stream will create such an abundance of animals that people won't need to buy farming animals for food. This connection doesn't make sense because cleaning a local stream wouldn't suddenly create enough wild animals to feed a whole community, and most communities don't rely on hunting wild animals for their main food source. Your argument needs to show realistic connections between cleaning the waterway and the benefits that would actually result.

Exemplar: *"A healthier creek would also reduce the amount of pollution entering our water supply, which means cleaner drinking water for local residents and less money spent on water treatment facilities."*



Your letter shows good effort in trying to persuade your MP to take action, and you've understood that persuasive writing needs multiple reasons to be convincing. However, your piece would benefit from clearer, more realistic thinking about cause and effect. Right now, many of your reasons don't match up with what would actually happen if a local stream were cleaned. For example, your second paragraph talks about dolphins and dugongs, but these animals live in the ocean, not in creeks or streams. Similarly, your fourth paragraph suggests people could hunt wild animals instead of buying meat, which isn't how modern communities work. To strengthen your writing, focus on benefits that

genuinely connect to cleaning a local waterway—things like safer places for children to play, healthier environments for local birds and insects, better-looking parks for the community, and perhaps small boosts to local businesses near the waterway. Additionally, your opening needs to clearly explain what waterway you're discussing and what the specific problem is, rather than jumping between lakes, rivers, and streams. Your conclusion is quite strong because it gives the MP a clear choice, but it would be even better if you briefly reminded them of your most convincing reason before asking them to decide.

Overall Score: 41/50

Section 2

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Dear ~~our most honourable~~ **[Our Most Honourable]** Member of Parliament,

#1 Imagine ~~a entire~~ **[an entire]** lake, so crystal clear that it made it to the newspapers. ~~An whole~~ **[A whole]** wonderland ~~exposed~~ **[revealed]** just because of a single action nobody cares to do. ~~All we do is sit, wait, and dream about this fascinating scene that would never come true.~~ **[Yet we simply sit and wait, dreaming about this fascinating scene instead of making it reality.]** Why are we all thinking about it ~~other~~ **[rather]** than actually constructing our very own glorious river? That's the reason why I have come to implore you to clean our stream, turning a nightmare into a ~~dream land~~ **[dreamland]**.

#2 With such a sustaining waterway, nature will thrive unlike before. Animals including dolphins, many species of fish, ~~dugong~~ **[dugongs]** and many others can survive in this environment. Migration for other worldwide species to this region will undoubtedly skyrocket, ~~proving~~ **[providing]** as a perfect breeding and hunting ground. Alongside the arrival of animals, scientific research can be conducted much more ~~quicker~~ **[quickly]** and ~~easier~~ **[easily]** with these marine creatures around, benefiting ~~in~~ **[research in]** the biological area of investigation.

Additionally, ~~economy~~ **[the economy]** of the town will increase significantly as tourist attraction will divert itself here instead of ~~the~~ **[to]** other alternative choices. After a ton of exploration, my analysis shows that there is a ~~1-0.01%~~ **[0.01–1%]** chance of a **[finding such a]** lake in the whole world. ~~So it is guaranteed to having~~ **[Therefore, we are guaranteed to have]** visitors flocking to take a glimpse of another masterpiece ~~form~~ **[formed]** due to only several weeks of hard work. Along with those extra people temporarily staying in the settlement, that will mean that more groceries ~~bought~~ **[are bought]**, extra money ~~spend~~ **[spent]** on hotels and accommodation, etc. This extraordinary enlargement in the community inhabitants will certainly boost the economy with one-of-a-kind results.

#3 Furthermore, with the abundance of animals around in the reserve, as well as fish, birds and many terrestrial animals ~~provide~~ **[providing]** ~~an~~ **[a]** tremendously colossal supply of food, meaning that many farming animals won't need to be bought if we switch to the natural side for eating. Not only does that raise our wealth status ~~but~~ **[, but]** it also limits the amount of greenhouse gases released, especially methane, which is produced by land creatures creating flatulence. Experimentation shows that methane contributes to approximately 37% of the entire greenhouse gases that are freed into open air.

Now that we have presented our explanations for the separation of the waste from our gracious lake, what do you think about it? Would you declare with pride and say yes, bringing a spark of hope into our community? Or will you stand firm and state no, leaving our fragile waterway in a filthy condition nobody wants to lay a hand on[?] It's up to you. Our stakes are in your hands.

Regards,

Timothy Wilson