

## **Exercise – Editing the Final Draft**

*Without changing any basic grammar or spelling, edit this paragraph as if it were the final draft, making sure that is idiomatically and logically correct. Also make sure that the register, tone and style are consistent and appropriate for academic texts.*

The place where I grew up, Parramatta, is famous for several important and impressive natural features. First, it is noted for the Parramatta River, which is well known for its role in Sydney’s early transport. Also, in the surrounding hills there were many suitable pasture lands for livestock and sheep farms. The river channel, though relatively narrow, was deep enough to allow the early ships to be able to transport the people and to bring supplies. It was also good for tourists who saw the many eels swimming along the river (“Parramatta” means ‘river of eels’ in the local aboriginal tribe’s language). The hills were of the rolling type and were often divided by small creeks which fed fresh water into the main river. Another feature is the fact that the weather patterns over the region are mild and stable, which means that crops can also be grown when the pastures are not used for sheep or cattle. As a result, Parramatta was one of the main sources of food for the early settlers in Sydney Town and for the surrounding Cumberland Plain. These three natural features have always been important for Parramatta and have made it famous in Sydney’s history.

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