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Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 20 May 2024 for any information LINZ holds (records, reports, maps, documents, letters, Bills, photos, etc) with regards to when and why a diversion channel and/or sluice gate was installed in the Muddy Creek watercourse (at GPS Locations: E1442266; N5006952) in Oamaru, on the South Island, sometime between 8 September 1938 and 1 January 1957.

We have undertaken a comprehensive search of our electronic document management system and identified one file

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Ministry of Works - Crown Land - Muddy Creek Culvert - SH 2 Morere

which might have some information on the Diversion Channel and sluice gate installed in Muddy Creek, Oamaru, between 8 September 1938 and 1 January 1957.

However, when we approached our offsite archive provider asking for the file they advised that they can't find the file as it's not in an actual box in storage so they can't identify the location.

We also undertook a search of Archives New Zealand. This search returned the following files the titles of which reference "Muddy Creek" which might have some information on the Diversion Channel and sluice gate installed in Muddy Creek, Oamaru, between 8 September 1938 and 1 January 1957

Archives Auckland – auckland.archives@dia.govt.nz

File Number	Name
8/3/700-SAK	Proposed Big Muddy Creek Recreation Reserve, Waitemata City
15/15/0/59947-WAK	Local Bodies / Waitemata County Councilmuddy Creeklegalisation Of So Plan 59947

Archives Wellington – research.archives@dia.govt.nz

Water and Soil: Soil Conservation - Soil Conservation and Rivers Control - Muddy Creek Drainage Inspection ID-R2184845*-* dates: 1951-1968

Thompson's Creek, Matakanui - Muddy Creek, Lauder - Proposed control of erosion and silting-*ID R18648237 dates: 1937-1956

Drybread, channel protection - water rights - muddy Creek sludge channel - 04 September 1923 -27 October 1933 (ID R17869764).

We suggest that you may wish to contact Archives Auckland and Archives Wellington to see whether they can assist you.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact ministerialsupport@linz.govt.nz

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request, **with your personal details withheld**, and any attached documentation will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand website. This is likely to be published by 31 July 2024

Nāku noa, nā



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