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Dear Alyce

The property on the South Bank of the Oparara river has never had an Original Estuary. The land in this area was a farm with a house and cowshed, and the neighbour of this land also had a house.

Sometime in the 1930's the Oparara River turned South and took land and these buildings as well as land from several other farmers.

Late in the 1930's a rock wall was put in place and the river directed straight out to sea.

Over the years the eroded land had rebuilt and what was a small Estuary was a part of this rebuild.

In 2009 the river turned South again and took this small Estuary and farm land with it until in 2013 we applied for, and got consent to extend the original rock wall to send the river straight to sea again.

The rebuild this time has sand and Marramgrass. The drain mentioned in your report is part of a drain put in by the then Catchment Board.

It starts at the Golf Road and goes North across Lowe family land and land of a neighbour then Lowe family land again then goes N.E. for a short distance and North again to a farm drain and finally to the Oparara River.

Yours faithfully
E. A. Lowe.