

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

(a) College Drain, Prestons Road

Mr and Mrs Mike Oulds addressed the Board about their attempts since 1987 to have about 90m of College Drain piped. When they purchased their property they were assured by the then Drainage Board that the drain was to be filled. Despite an earlier deputation to the Community Board in June 1995, after which the improvements were moved from a Priority Two to a Priority One category, and correspondence with the former and the present Mayors, nothing had happened.

Their concerns were those of safety for children from the Redwood primary school, the drain dividing the school and their property. The netting fence erected had done little to resolve the safety issue.

The estimated cost of the piping had escalated from \$6,000 to \$20,000. At an earlier time Mr and Mrs Oulds had offered to pay half the costs. The Board thanked them for their presentation and invited them to remain while the matter was debated (refer to clause 21 of this report.)