

Statement of Witness

Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry

Name of Witness	George Vladimir SHUTER
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Occupation	Contract Teacher
Officer taking statement	Detective Sergeant Paul Browne
Date taken	01/09/2011

I, George Vladimir SHUTER state:

- I am [REDACTED] years of age and reside with my wife in the Moore Park area. I work part-time as a Teacher and moved to Queensland from Sydney.
- Moore Park is a small beachside suburb of Bundaberg and about 20 kilometres from the City Centre. It has a population of around 3000 residents, made of from a mix of farming and residential families. There are some older residential areas as well as a number of new housing estates, including some which are yet to have houses in them. There is a relatively new Primary School which opened in 2004 and a new shopping centre which is under construction. Because of its location the area is mostly built on sand.
- I have lived in this area since late 2009 and am currently the Secretary of the Moore Park Beach Community Association (Incorporated). I have held this position since arriving in the area in 2009. The Moore Park Beach Community Association (MPBCA) was established in 1994 and was initially set-up to get things started in the area and as a voice for the local residents. One of the first things achieved by the Association was a community hall which was built in Hibiscus Avenue.

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4. The Association has 50 registered members (\$2 joining fee) and at various times we have had up to 80 members. Following the flood we were getting upwards of 140 people turning up at our meetings. The Committee consists of a 4 member executive and has a number of sub committees and other officers. Since being established the Association has continued to operate as a voice for the community and also support local events such as Anzac Day, Australia Day, Remembrance Day, Festival of Arts, Christmas Carols and other community oriented occasions. We are also involved in maintaining parks, beach clean-up programs, involved with Turtle Watch and supporting the Local Lions Club with building a shed to store their trailer and some of our equipment (mower, ride-on used for maintaining the hall).

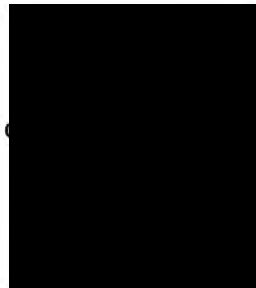
5. At the time of the flood I helped with getting residents access in and out of isolated areas around Moore Park. This included transporting people in and out. This was mostly co-ordinated locally and on an individual basis with people helping others out who they knew. It also involved the supply and delivery of food and emergency supplies. There was no co-ordination at any organisational level, because we were cut off and isolated from Bundaberg. There were some parts of Moore Park Beach that Police and other emergency services could not get in to or access for three days or longer.

6. Mal CAMPBELL, the Council Disaster Co-ordinator has previously stated that given the situation, Moore Park needs to be self sufficient for a period of 3 days. S.E.S. and RFB are now in the process of co-ordinating a local plan to ensure the community can sustain itself for that period of time in the event of such an incident. Any plan would need to include emergency supplies, temporary accommodation and the establishment of an evacuation centre. It would also need to consider things such as tidal surge and finding a location that is high enough that it would not get wet. The Primary School (which is the highest point), would seem to be the most suitable location for an evacuation centre.

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7. I am involved with a Committee looking into these types of issues and trying to formulate an agenda. That committee is at a point where we are waiting on Mal CAMPBELL to come and meet with us, and to consider some of the recommendations made in the Queensland Flood Commission of Inquiry interim report.

8. I am also a member of the Moore Park Beach Rural Fire Brigade and joined this when I moved to the area. I am currently the Secretary of the RFB and as part of my role with the RFB I helped in the clean-up after the Bundaberg flood. Crews were called on to help and our crew went and helped clean-up streets in North Bundaberg.

LAND PLANNING AND USE MANAGEMENT:

9. Through my role with the MPBCA and in the time I have lived in the area, I have become aware of a number of issues related to the lack of drainage in the area. I am able to break those down into a number areas, and have obtained a series of photographs in reference to each location.

I am able to produce a series of photographs depicting those drainage issues (Attachment 1).

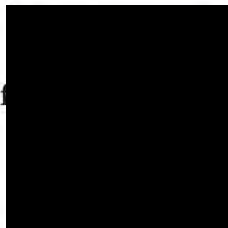
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10. Moore Park Creek (photograph reference 1): All of the water flow from Lilly Pilly Close to the tidal pipes at Gengers Road, a distance of over 6kms, is expected to flow through three 45cm pipes at Gengers Road and into Moore Park Creek. The limited flow at the pipes and to the creek is having the effect of damming the backwater and with high groundwater levels, flooding has been frequent and prolonged. A weir which was built around 1965 has since been declared abandoned by DERM, as three successive Councils have not maintained the structure.

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11. Peter JENSEN has been a Council Engineer for twenty years, throughout these successive Council administrations. I believe he is aware of the issues with the drainage in Moore Park, but nothing has been done to fix the problem.
12. I believe that conflicting information from Bundaberg Regional Council (BRC), DERM and Bundaberg Sugar as to the procedures and responsibility for this area has led to total inaction from all concerned bodies. Compounding this, I am aware of a quote for \$20'000 to clear the 'silted' area of the channel which I believe would go a long way to fixing the problem, yet BRC have allocated \$80'000 for an investigation of possible options? No monies have been budgeted for capital works prior to this wet season and it is difficult to understand the logic of an \$80'000 investigation that does not involve any actual work to rectify the problem.
13. Recently in the August-September 2011 edition of "Shorelines" (MPBCA Newsletter), Councillor Alan BUSH stated in his column that the BRC had allocated \$500'000 for "drainage design and to commence work at Sandpiper Grove". There was no reference to the Gengers road tidal pipes.
14. **Gengers Road, to Moore Park Creek (photograph reference 2):** Neither high nor low tides alter the water levels at these tidal pipes. The pipes are unaffected by tidal movement and remain 200mm below the waterline at a 3.39 metre High tide and a 0.36 metre low tide. I believe this is because the silt south of the weir is preventing water flow to Moore Park Creek. The area between these two points appears to be silted from the incoming tides and does not allow for water flow to Moore Park Creek, thus causing ground water to remain high for the seven kilometre distance to the northern end of Murdochs Road.
15. Further rainfall has no means to dissipate and instead lies in any low ground area as the groundwater level is at surface level. New pipes are at a half open level. The older pipes are underwater and have been for several years, showing the expanse of water flow. The three pipes at the weir have not been altered.

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16. **Woodland road to Palm View Drive (photograph reference 3):** The lagoon area of this residential estate has regularly flooded and I believe this is as a result of several residents having built artificial dams on their properties for aesthetic reasons. Some fill has been pushed into the channel by adjacent resident(s) so as to gain further land area and artificial dams have been built. Several pipes in this system have been underwater for three years despite BRC having raised the setting of these pipes at a half open level (200mm higher), showing water levels have been substantially higher since.
17. **Palm View Drive (photograph reference 4):** The system is again bottlenecked at this point with substantial water held back and no water flow being evident. This causes flooding of the 20 acres North of Palm View Drive, and it is at this site that at least one resident has extended land area by adding fill to the channel course. I am aware that BRC workers were told not to clear the channel by ex-BRC staff who is a resident of a nearby property.
18. **Sandpiper Grove (photograph reference 5):** Over the past 2 wet seasons, Sandpiper Grove has been flooded to a level that has prohibited vehicular crossing. On occasion BRC has had water trucks pumping up the water and taking it to be dumped near Heron Close. This effectively does nothing as the level of the groundwater is so high. Further the water being dumped in Heron close has nowhere to go as the drainage through that area does not flow.
19. **Lillypilly Place (photograph reference 6):** The water levels from Lillypilly Place to the Moore Park Beach State School have been at a very high level, and consistently extending to within property lines. A lot of homes in this area rely on septic and at the time of the flood some of these were underwater. The water has also been lying stagnant in some places for months. Due to concerns the MPBCA arranged for a water sample to be taken at the lagoon near the school to determine E-coli levels.

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I am able to produce a copy of that water quality report (Attachment 2).

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20. The stagnant water in this and other locations has also been of concern due to the increase in Mosquito's. In one instance I wrote to the BRC regarding a concern over mosquito borne disease (Dengue / Ross River fever/s) and the response I received were some pamphlets. The BRC has no 'Vector' control officer although they did advertise for the position but subsequently withdrew that advertisement.

21. **Royal Palms Estate (photograph reference 7):** Residents of Royal Palms Estate were cut off for over three weeks due to unpassable water. Several 4 x 4 owners offered to take residents across and supply essentials to those unable to do so and again BRC applied water trucks to pump water for over 50 hours. This was again taken and dumped around the corner into Heron Close with no effect being noticed to the water levels in Royal Palms Estate. I am aware that the tanker driver commented that the dumped water was flowing straight back to where he was taking it from.

22. **Heron Close (photograph reference 8):** Garry BARNETT of 30 Heron Close had water completely surround his house, causing damage to pumps, pool, fences and lapping at his floor level. I am aware he had many communications with Peter BYRNE (CEO of BRC), Councillor Alan BUSH (the local Council Member) and Rob MESSENGER (State MP). Much pressure was applied to have BRC eventually bring machines in and clear a channel for water egress. There was no apparent red tape with DERM nor National Parks for this action to occur, which is one of the reasons that is given for why other channel maintenance cannot be undertaken. Advice I have is that this channel should have taken water away from the area.

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23. Some of the long term locals have said this channel was blocked sometime around 1970 and was done to prevent incoming tidal salt water from inundating nearby cane fields. Others suggest the blockage was further down closer to the primary School.

24. Moore Park Beach Caravan Park (photograph reference Y): Water testing by the MPBCA has indicated that E-coli levels are high in the lagoon area. BRC has stated that these are within guidelines for a bird inhabited lagoon, despite the number of dead fish regularly found at the bank. The MPBCA has concerns of children playing on the banks of the lagoon, attracted by ducks and birds.

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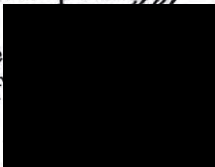
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25. Cleared Channel West of Murdoch's Road(photograph reference Z): This channel has been regularly cleared and maintained with gates at Moore Park Creek. These gates are effective in holding the tide from cane fields up to Murdochs' Linking Road.

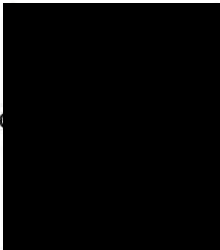
26. Since I became aware of the extent of all of these issues I believe that large parts of Moore Park are inadvertently being turned into wetlands, with lakes or ponds forming across what was once dry land and water permanently sitting stagnant in a lot of areas. This is having a detrimental effect on the community in a number of ways:

- mosquito borne disease and vermin infestation;
- unsafe water conditions in public places;
- house insurance rejection, conditions and premium costs;
- anxiety and depression incidence in residents;
- property value changes;
- agricultural crop losses

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- community isolation due to road closures;
- changes to wetlands boundaries by DERM.

27. I am aware of a proposed extension of wetland boundaries and associated trigger areas by DERM, which is scheduled for October 2011. Submissions for that closed on 28th April 2011, however consultation is not available until after the proposal has been approved. We are not aware of what these proposed boundaries will be and are concerned what the impact of those changes will be on home insurance and building permits. We are also concerned that any change of status will further restrict the ability of BRC to carry out the necessary works and rectify the drainage in this area. As consultation will not take place until after the changes have been approved I am concerned it will then be too late to do anything about it.

28. I am concerned about the quantity of stagnant water lying around and the water table quality given the close proximity to the Primary School, Caravan Park, residential and other recreational areas. Not only is the water quality affected but also the potential for mosquito borne diseases such as Dengue fever has risen significantly.

29. I am concerned with a proposed 'Bundaberg Sugar' 128 lot residential development in the east corner of Moore Park Road and Murdochs Road. This has been passed by BRC and will be an additional restriction of water flow to Moore Park Creek with increased risk of continued flooding.

30. I am concerned over the BRC investigation of possible options for the drainage of Moore Park Beach, not being cost efficient or effective. Options indicated by Peter BYRNE show three alternatives either alone or in combination.

1. Construct a channel from Ohlaf Street to the beach;
2. Construct a channel from Gengers Road tidal pipes south-west to join Moore Park Creek; and

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3. Construct a channel from Gengers Road south as per previous water flow.

31. I am concerned over claims of acid sulphate soil in channel passage and the safe removal/deposit of that material where it exists.

32. I am fearful of a third heavy wet season in 2011-12, cutting off Moore Park Beach for days or weeks with no action taken by the BRC.

33. As part of my involvement with the MPBCA I have been communicating with Council about the problems in the Moore Park area with a view to having the problems rectified. On several occasions Council officers have come to us and we have held meetings to discuss these issues.

I am able to produce copies of the minutes from those meetings and some of the associated correspondence (Attachment 4).

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34. I have also been involved with a Queensland State Government petition, with over 200 residents demanding BRC address drainage issues in Moore Park Beach.

I am able to produce a copy of that Petition (Attachment 5).

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35. The MPBCA have also sought advice from a Law Firm in Brisbane, with regards to a possible class action on behalf of flood affected residents. A decision on any further action has not been taken at this time.

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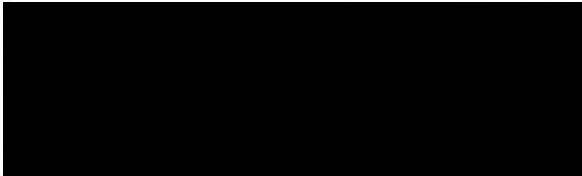


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RECOMMENDATION/S:

36. The MPBCA would like to see affirmative action taken by the BRC to clean or repair the existing drainage channels and restore the system to what it once was, so that it can function correctly and deal with the storm water issues of the area. This would reduce the height of the water table and reduce the quantity of stagnant water accumulating in the Moore Park Beach community.

37. I ask the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry to consider the issues which have been identified when making any future recommendations.



George Vladimir SHUTER.

29th September 2011.

Justices Act 1886

I acknowledge by virtue of section 110A(5)(c)(ii) of the Justices Act 1886 that:

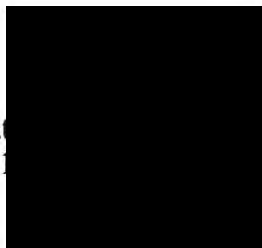
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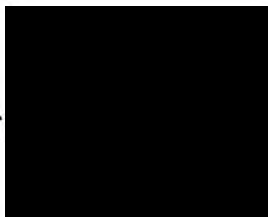
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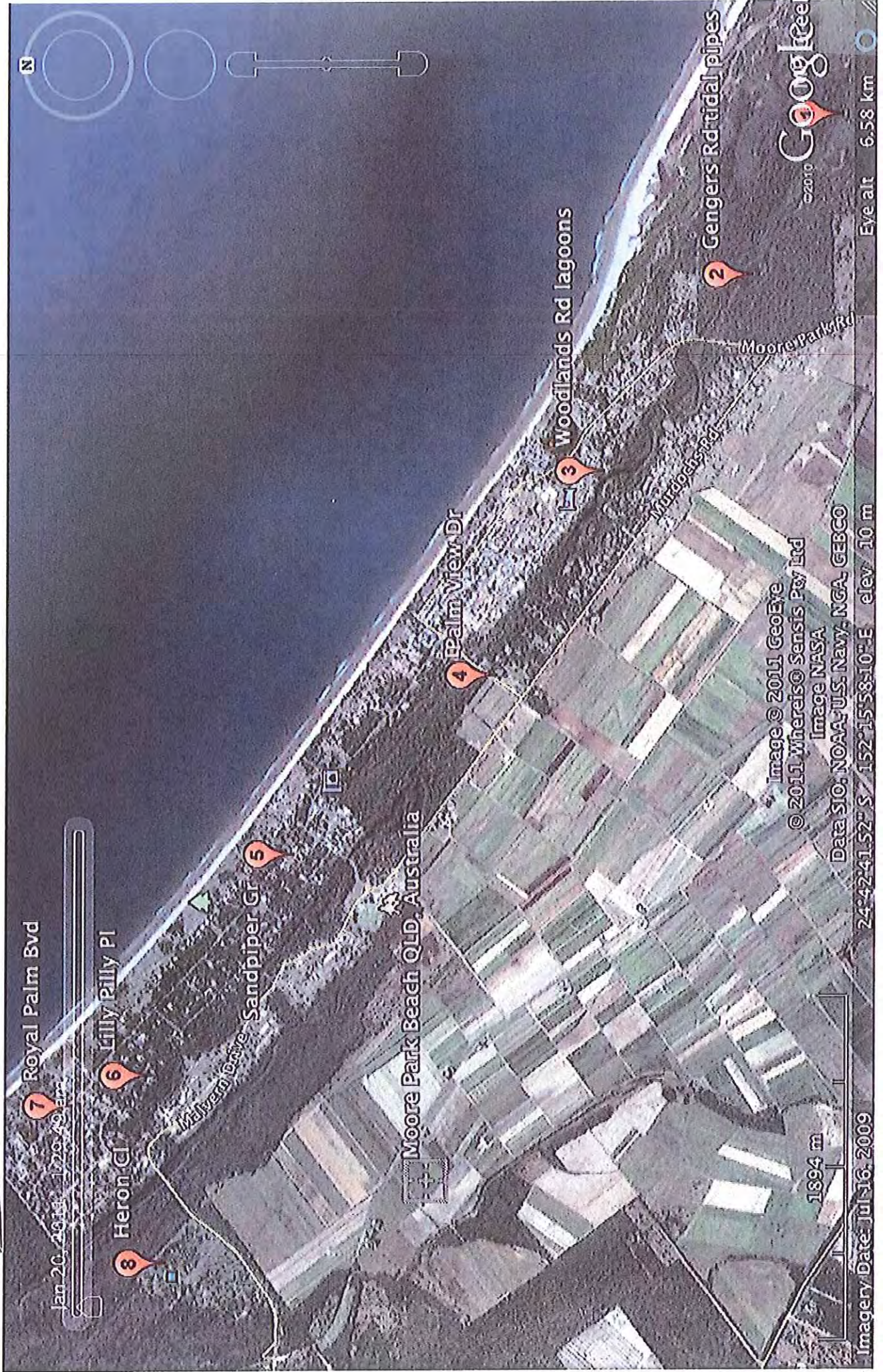


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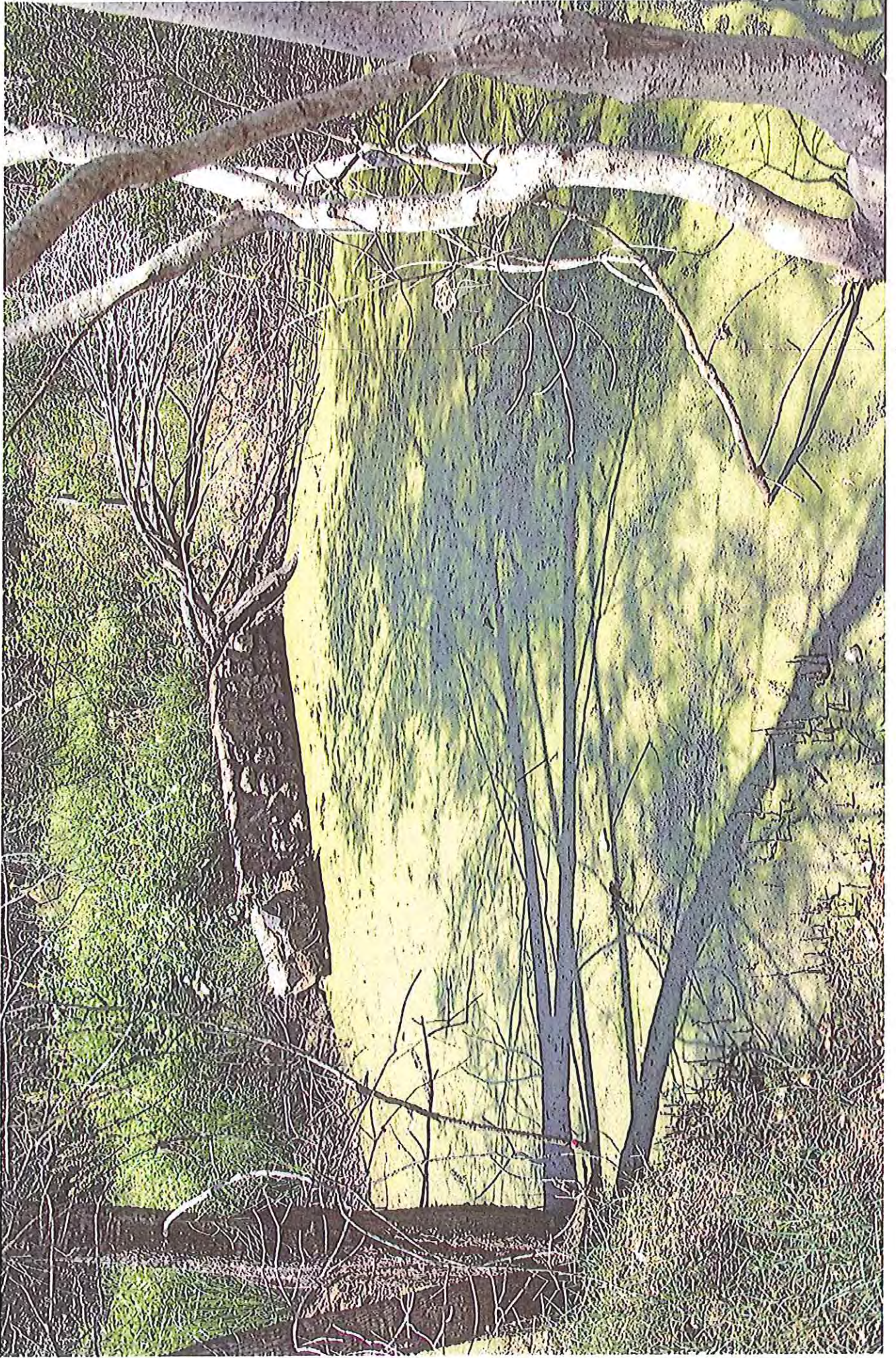
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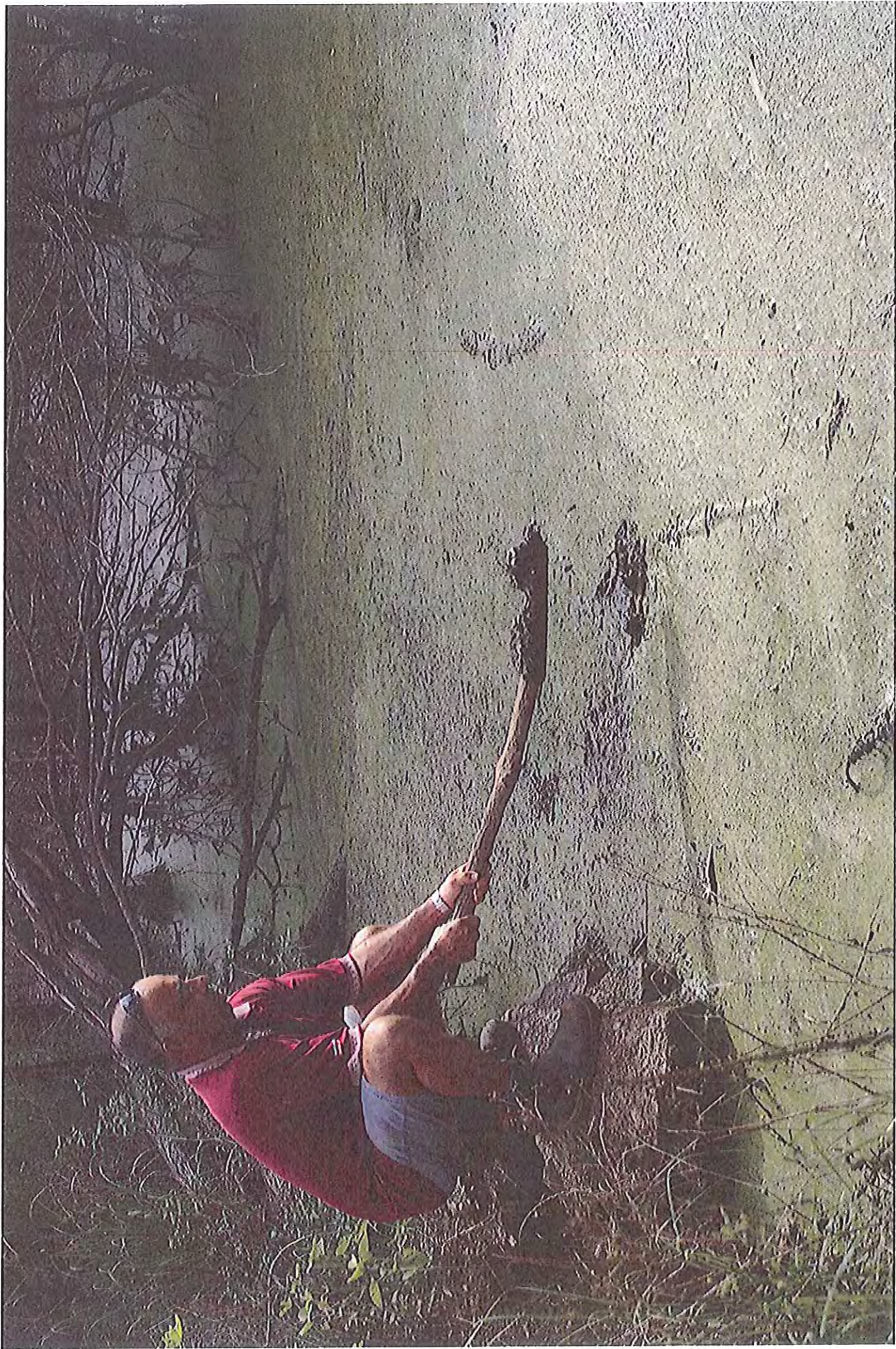
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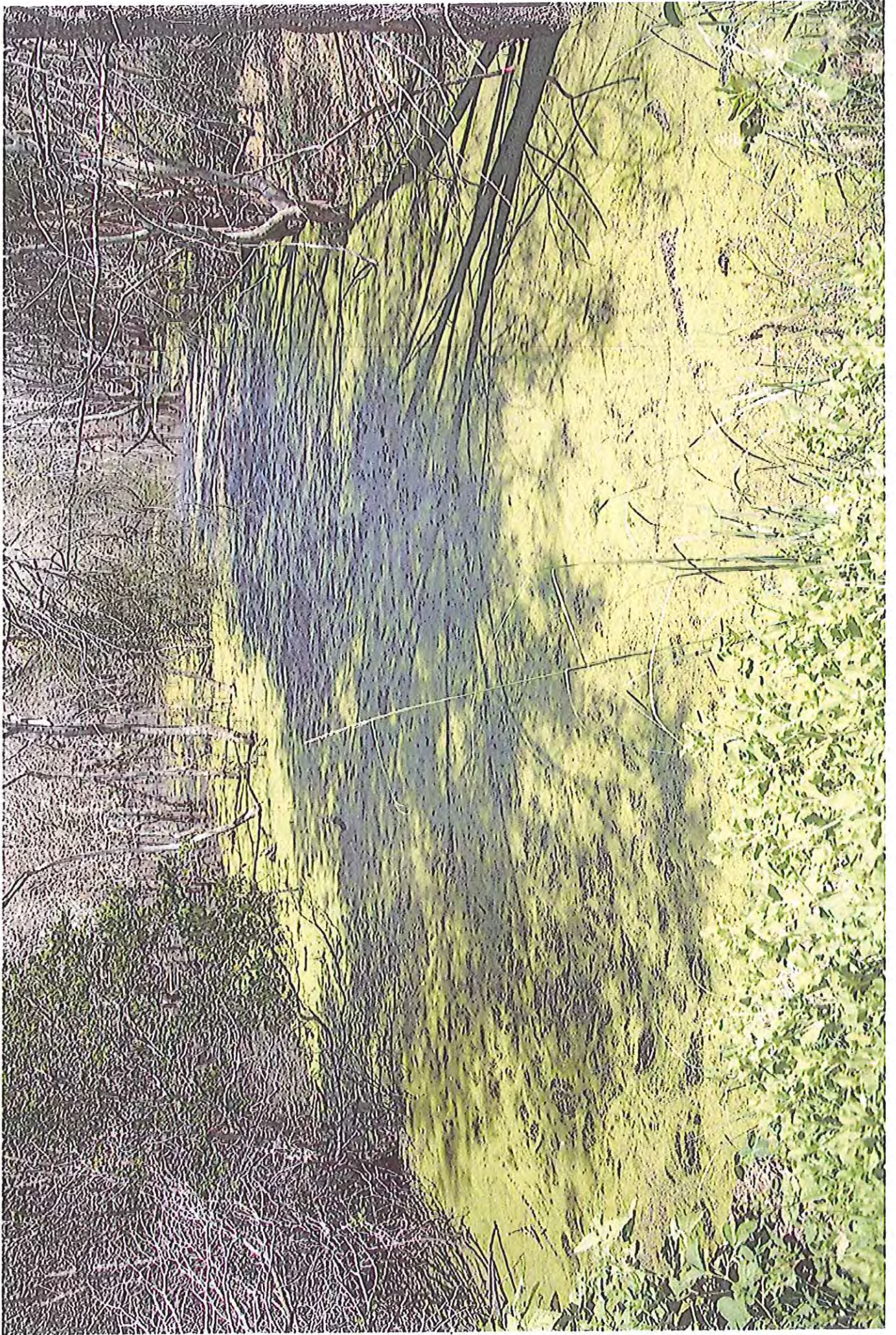
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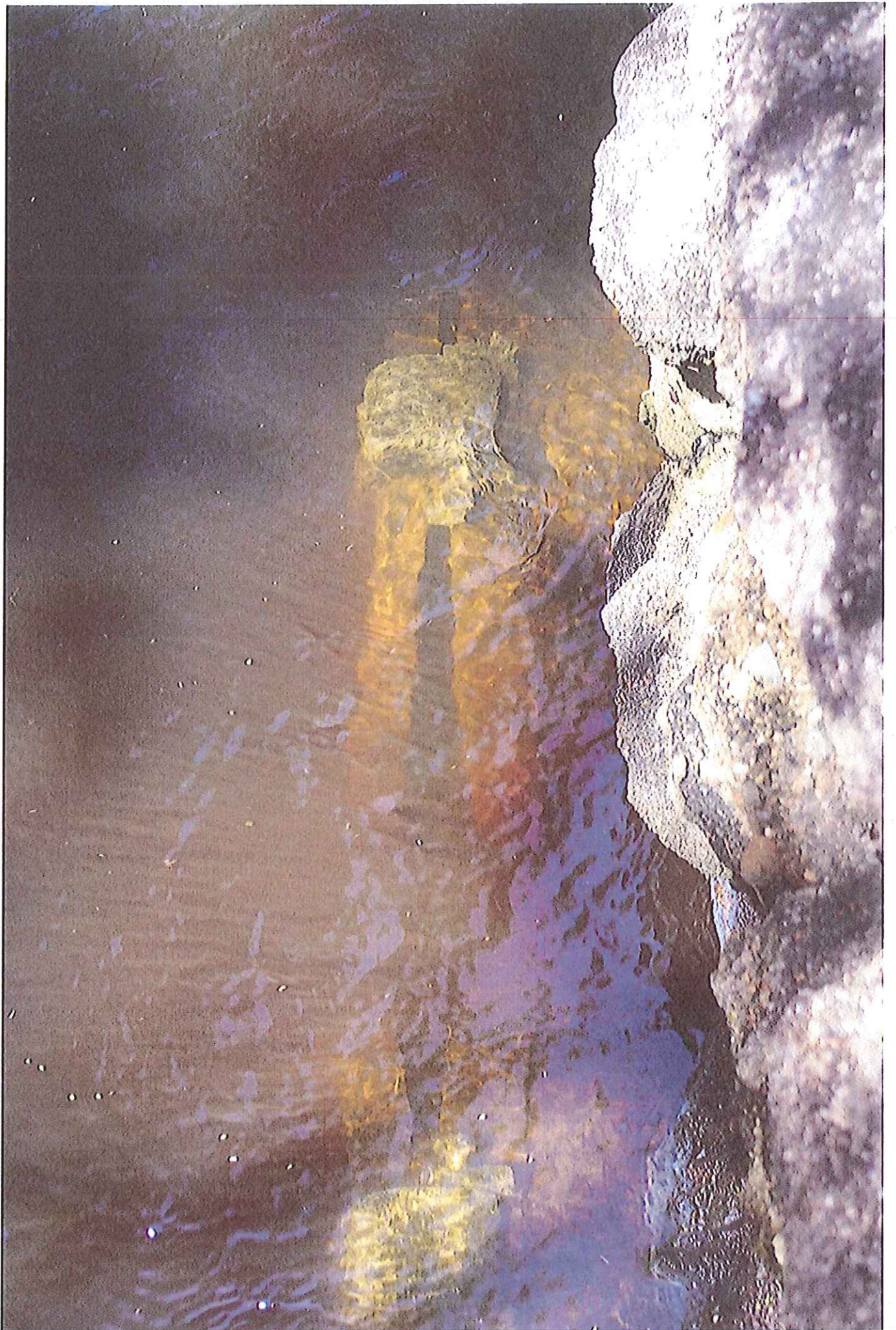
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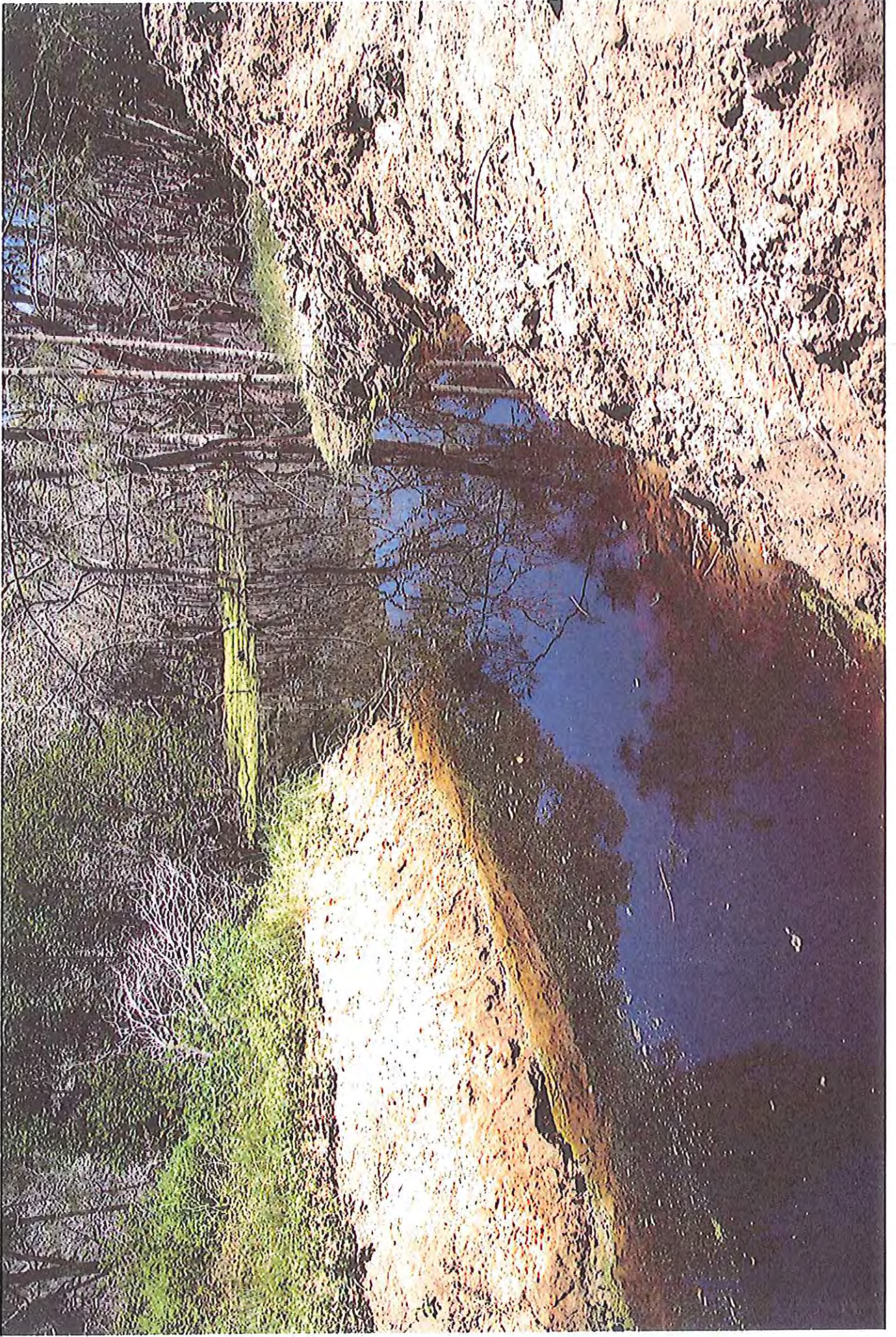
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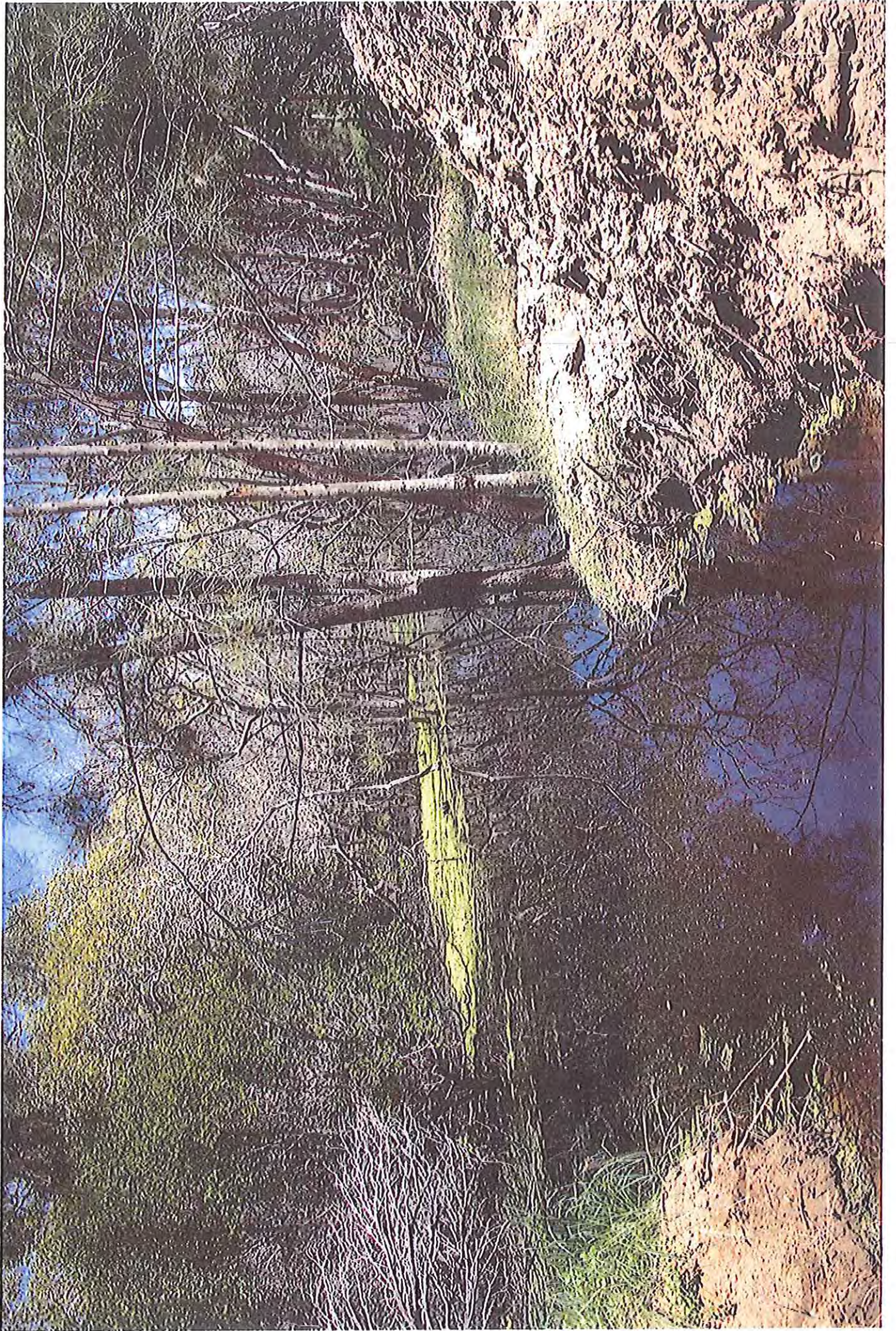
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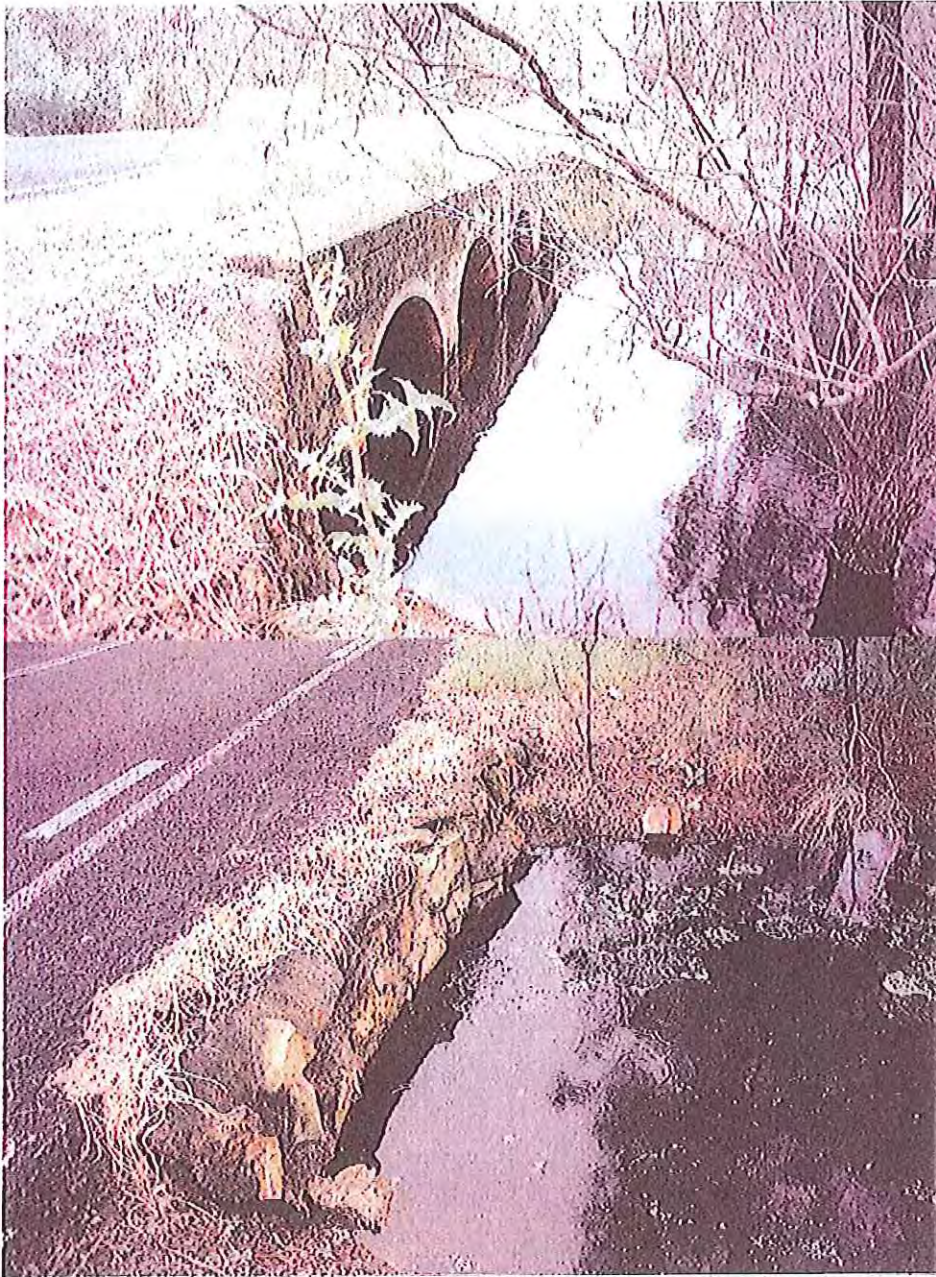


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Old and new water pipes under Moore Park Rd. New pipes have been lifted approx 200mm holding more water than previously.

At several other locations, BRC also raised pipe levels when installing new pipes: Teske's property at Palm View Dr and all properties adjacent to the canal west of Murdoch's Rd including Larry Borg's thus restricting water flow to the canals and increasing water levels in MPB.

No clear reason can be made as to why raising pipe levels was necessary.

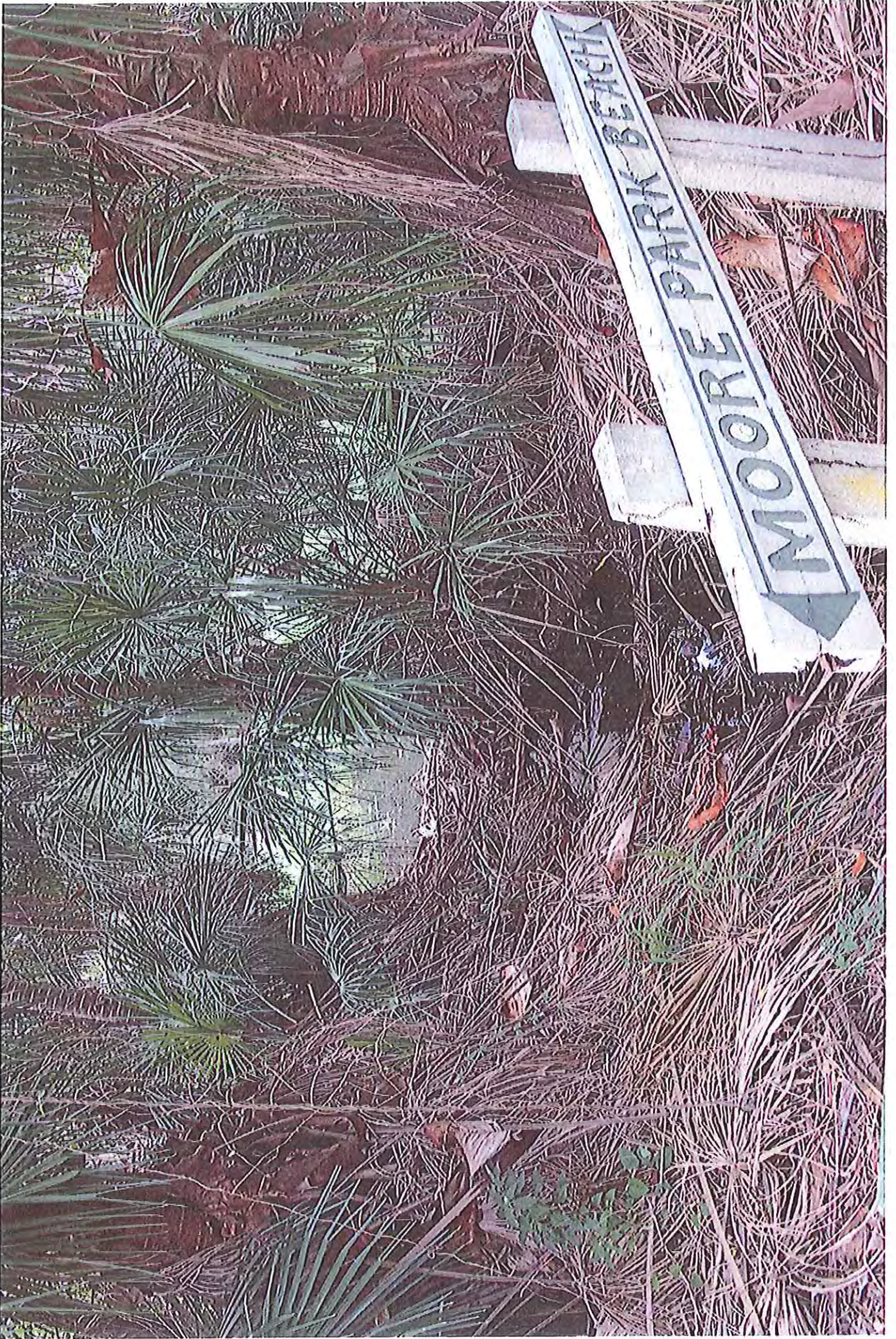
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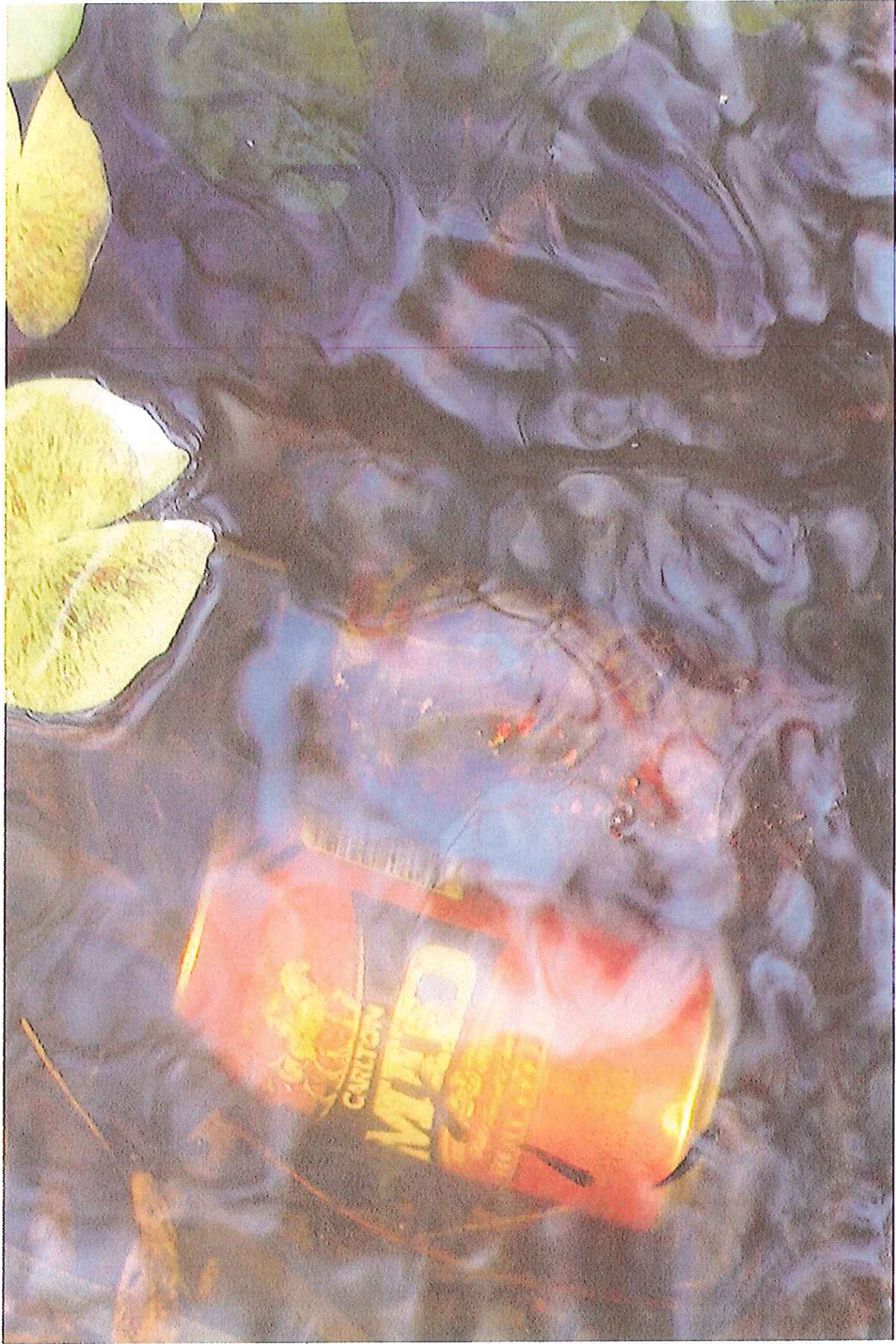
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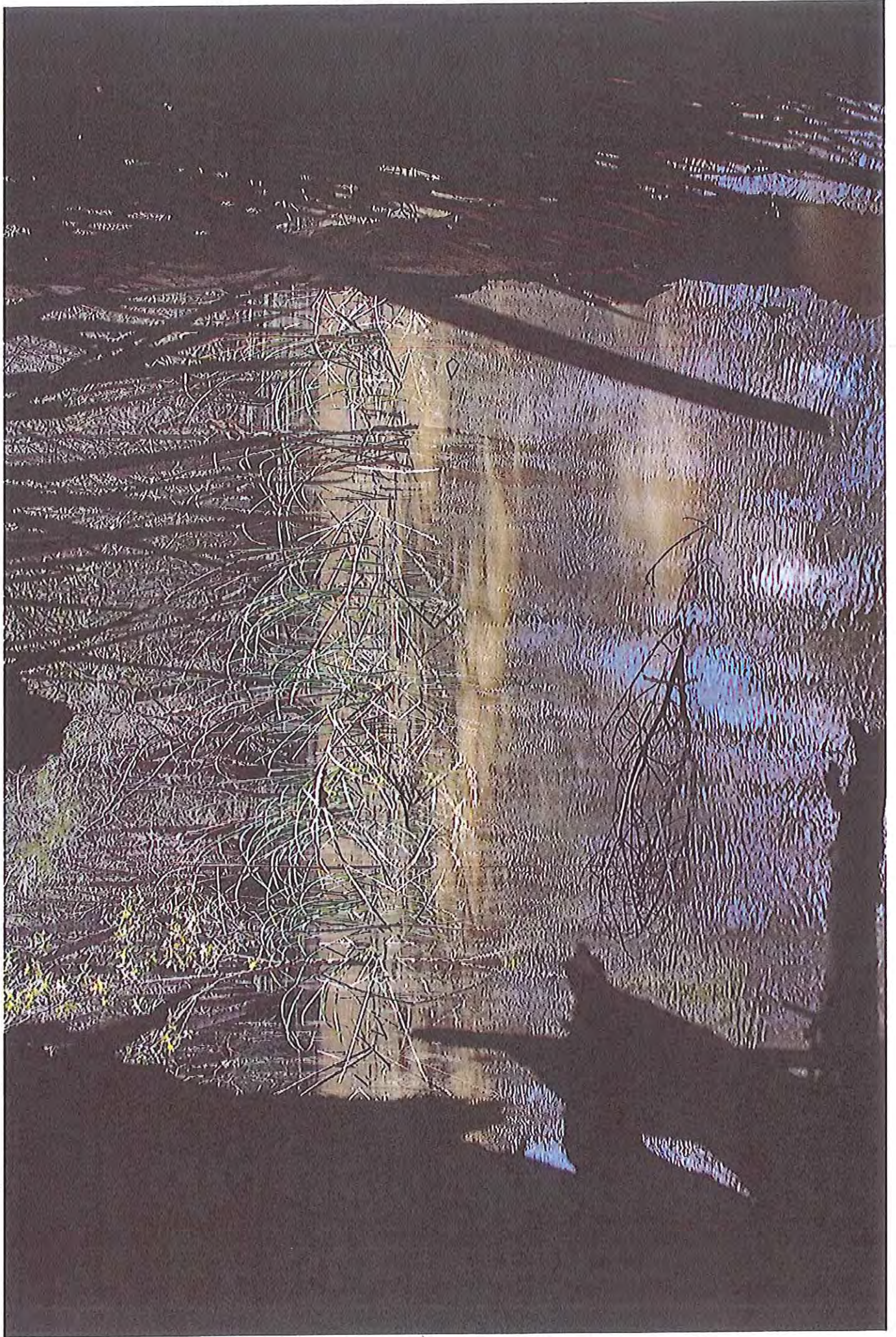
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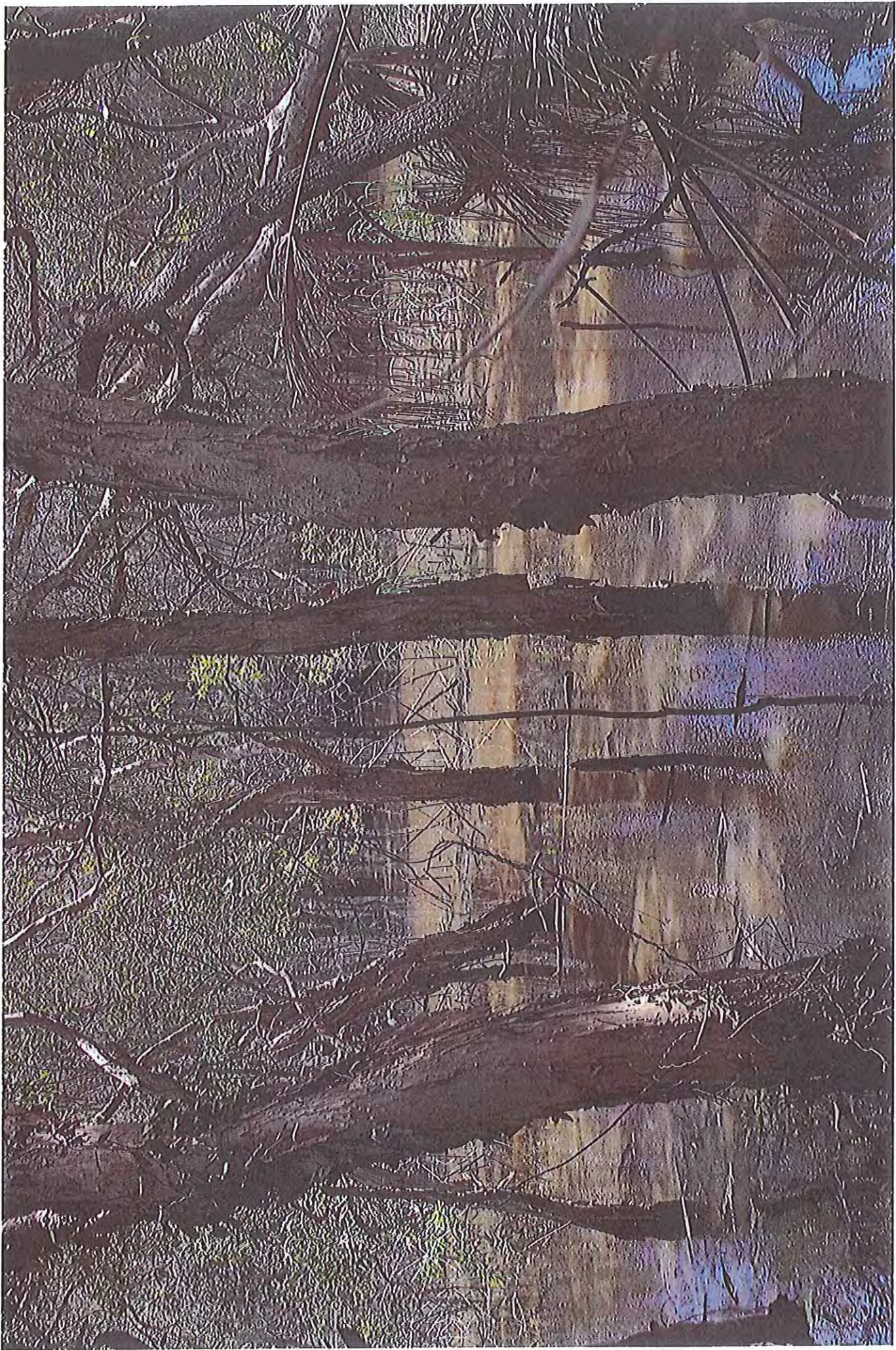
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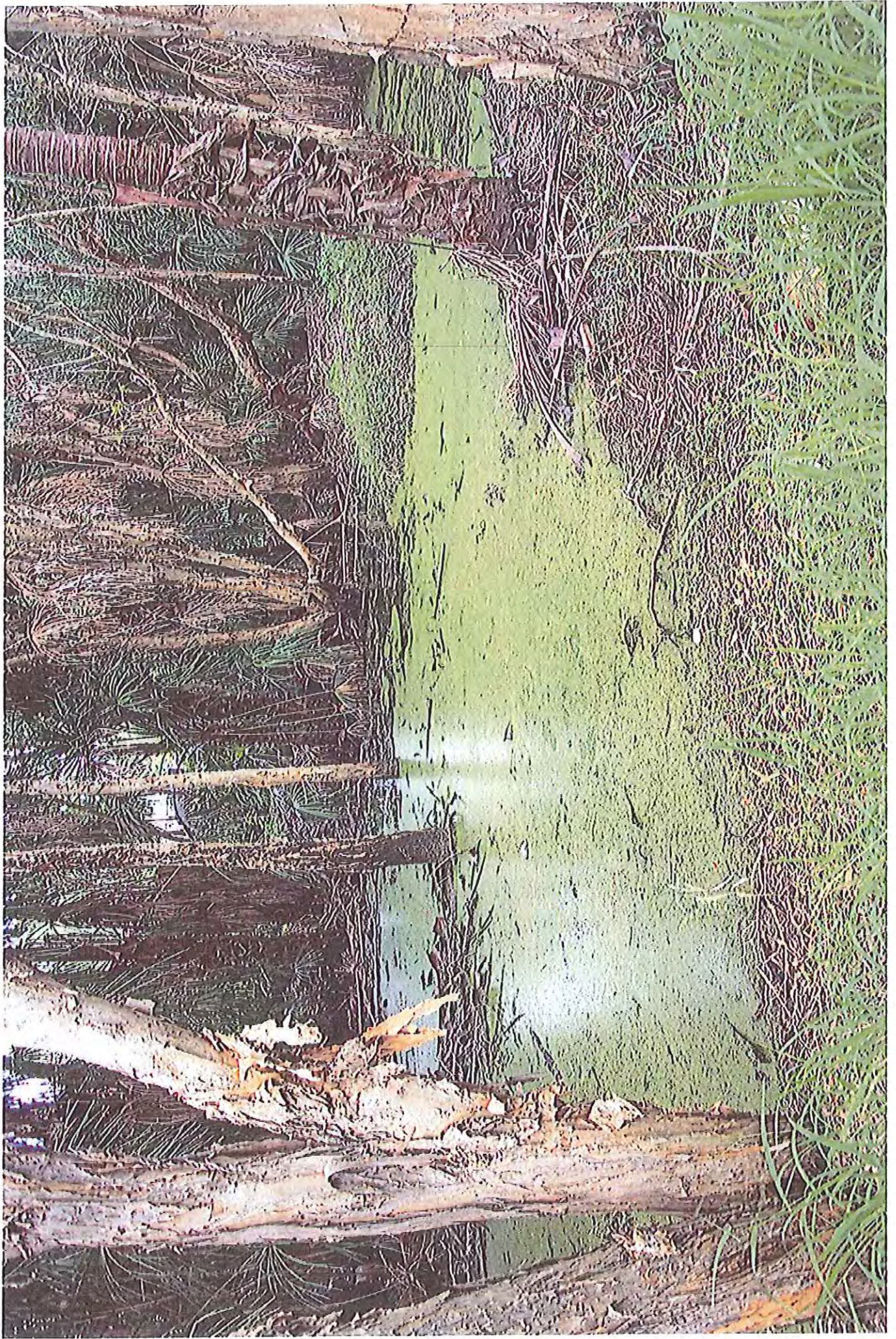
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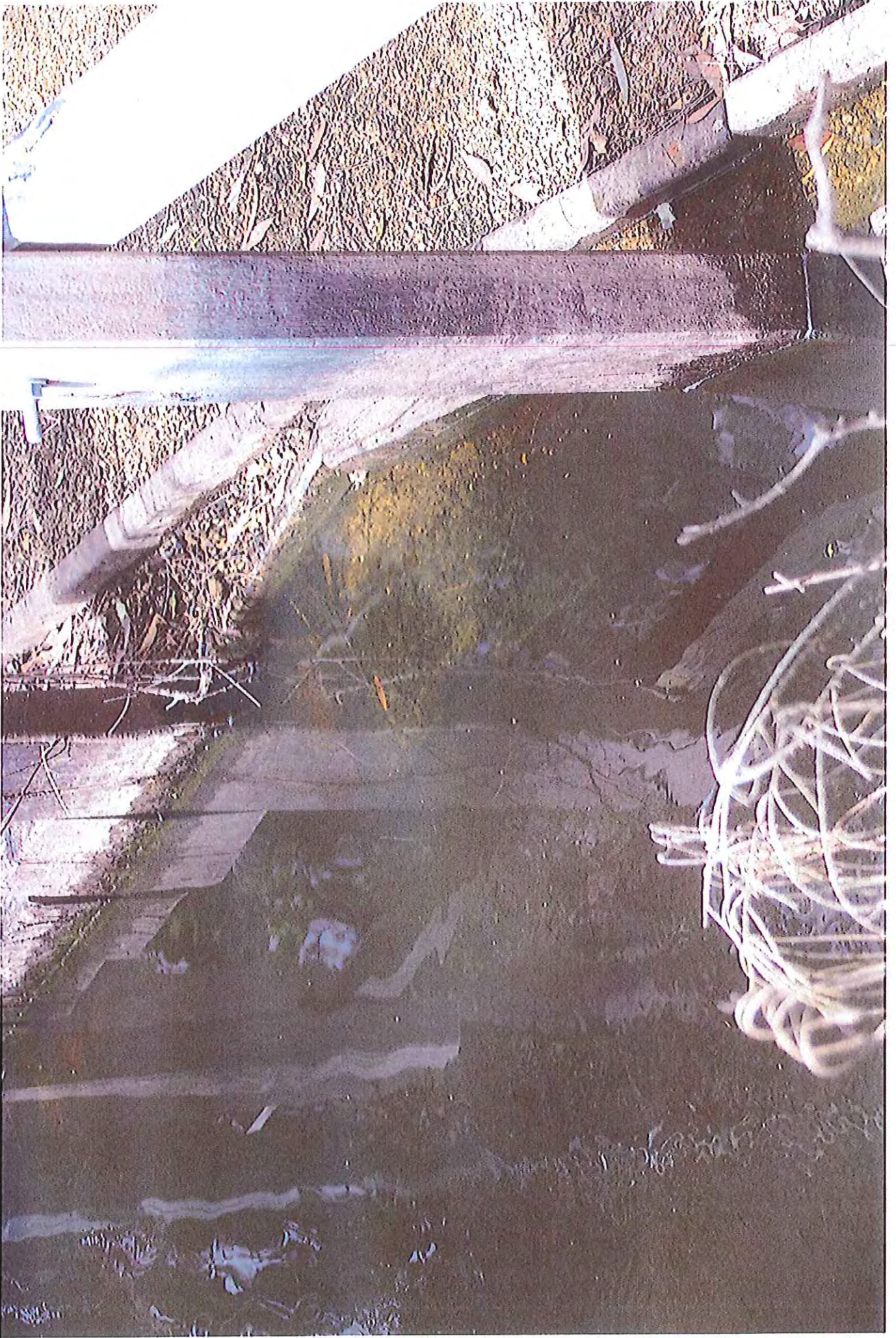
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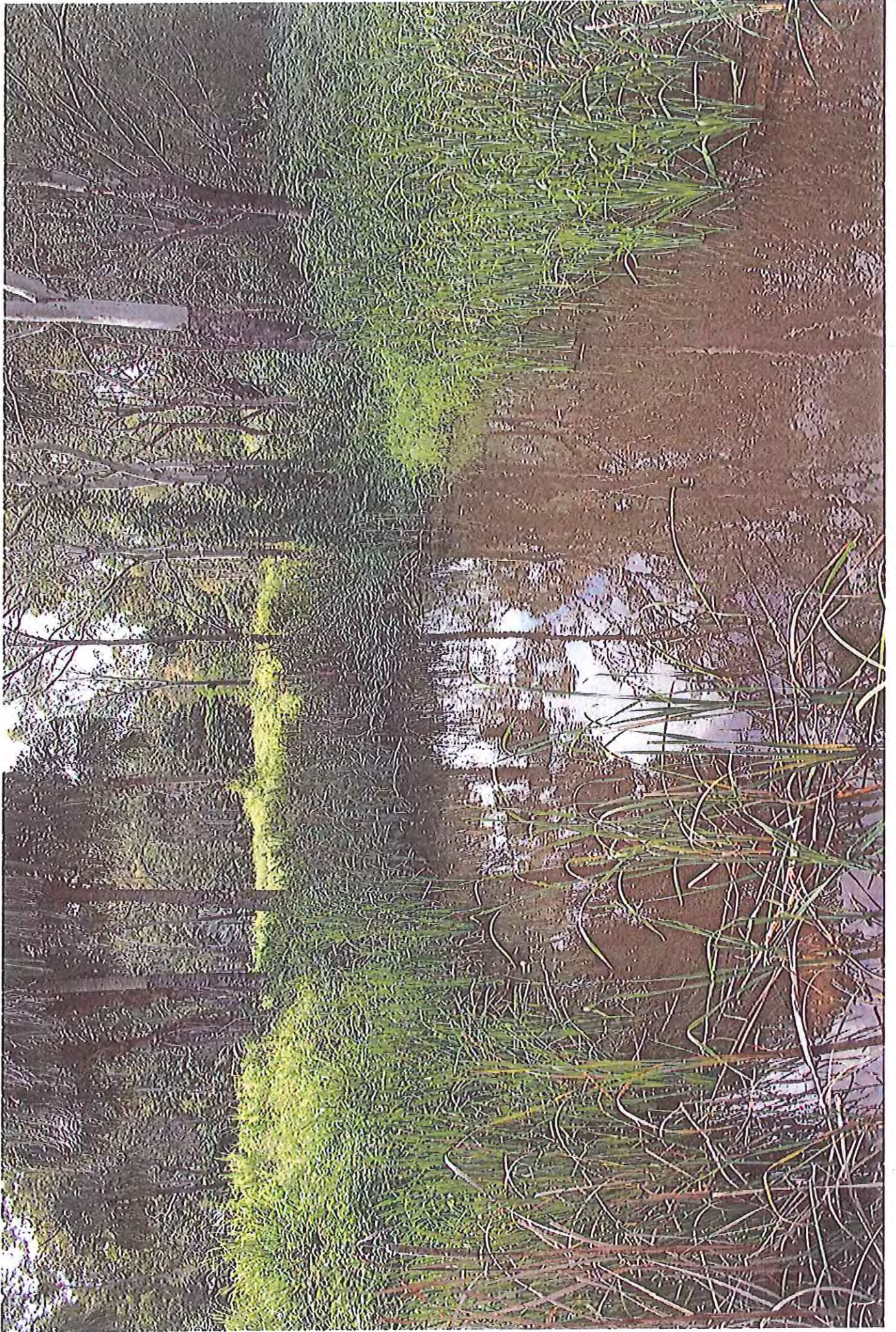
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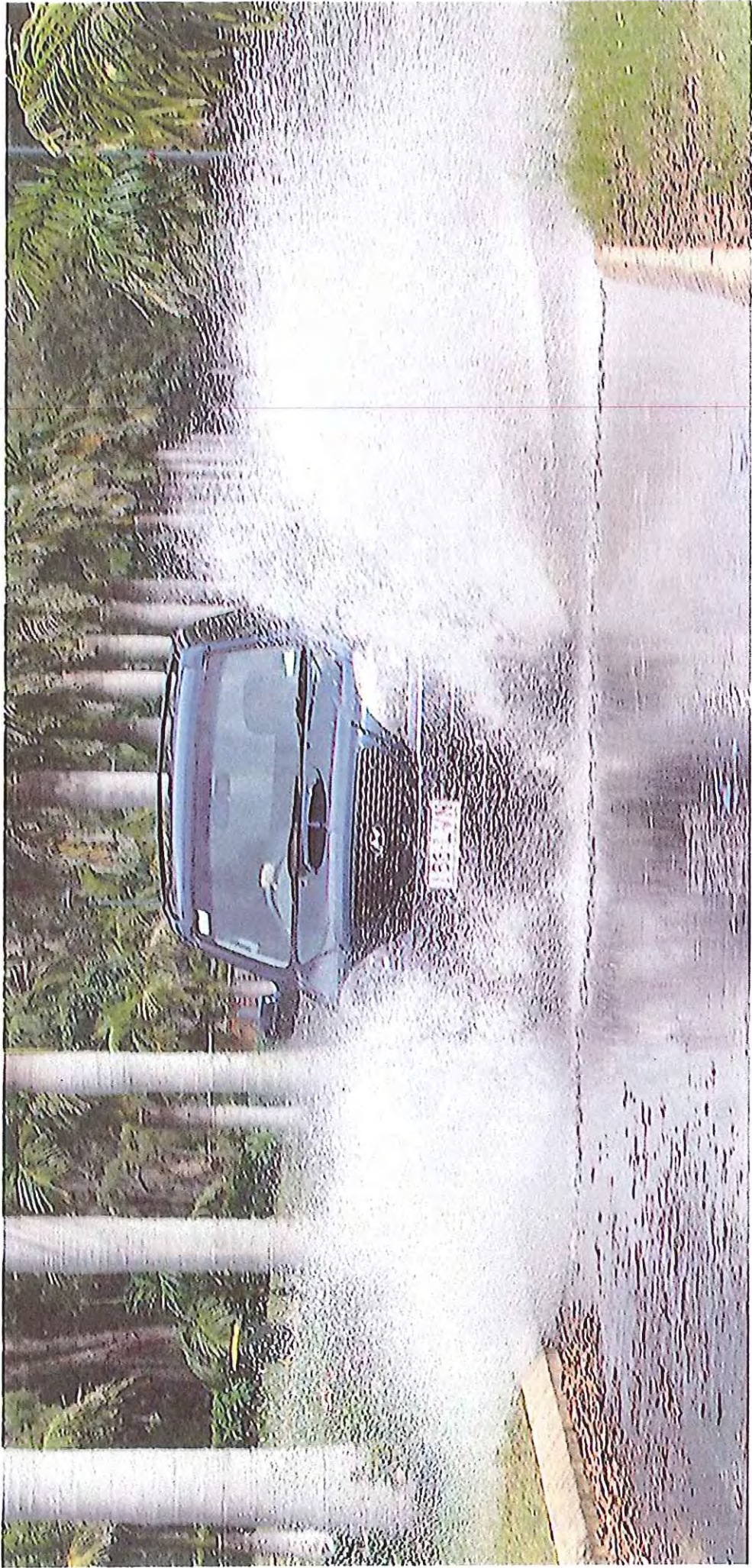
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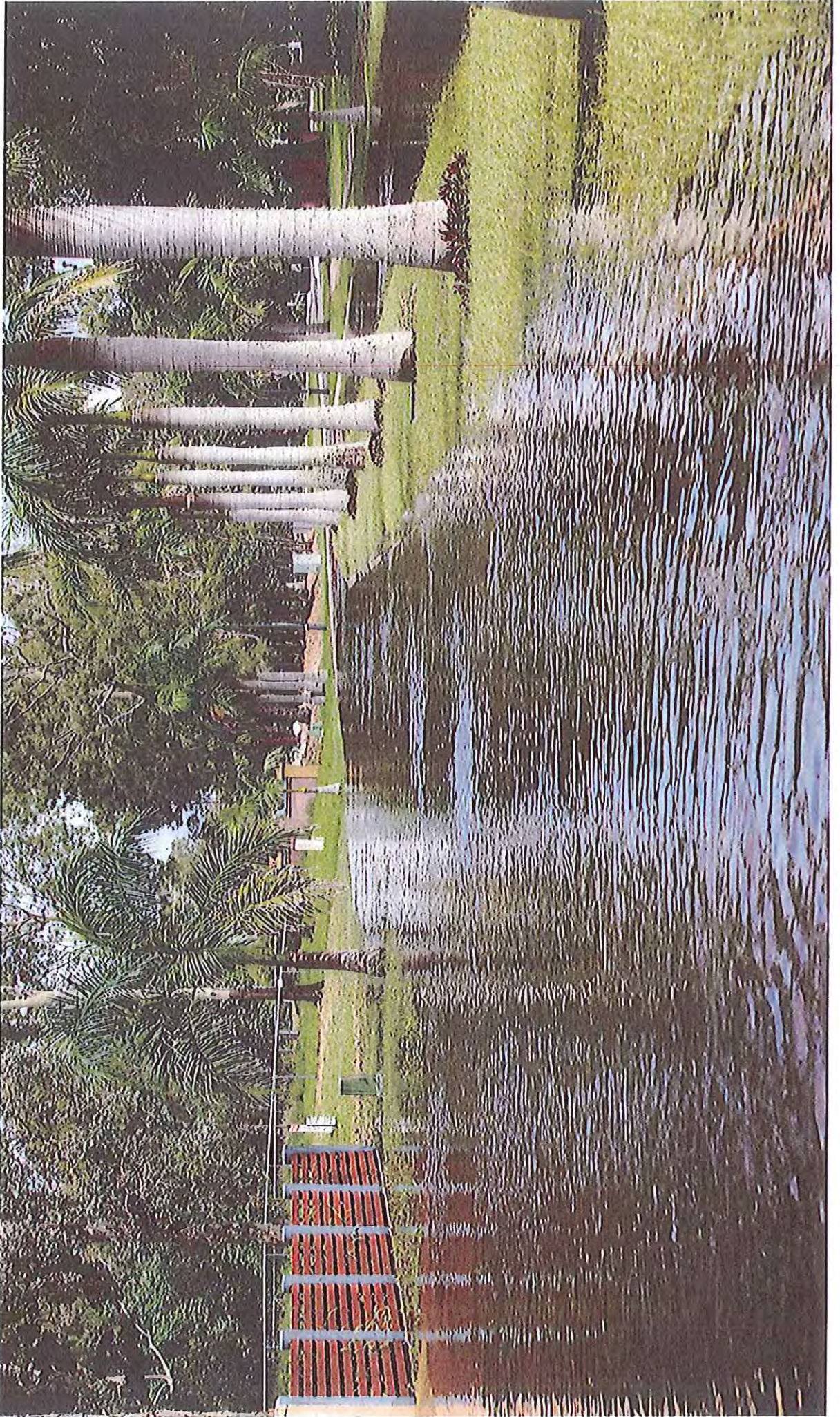
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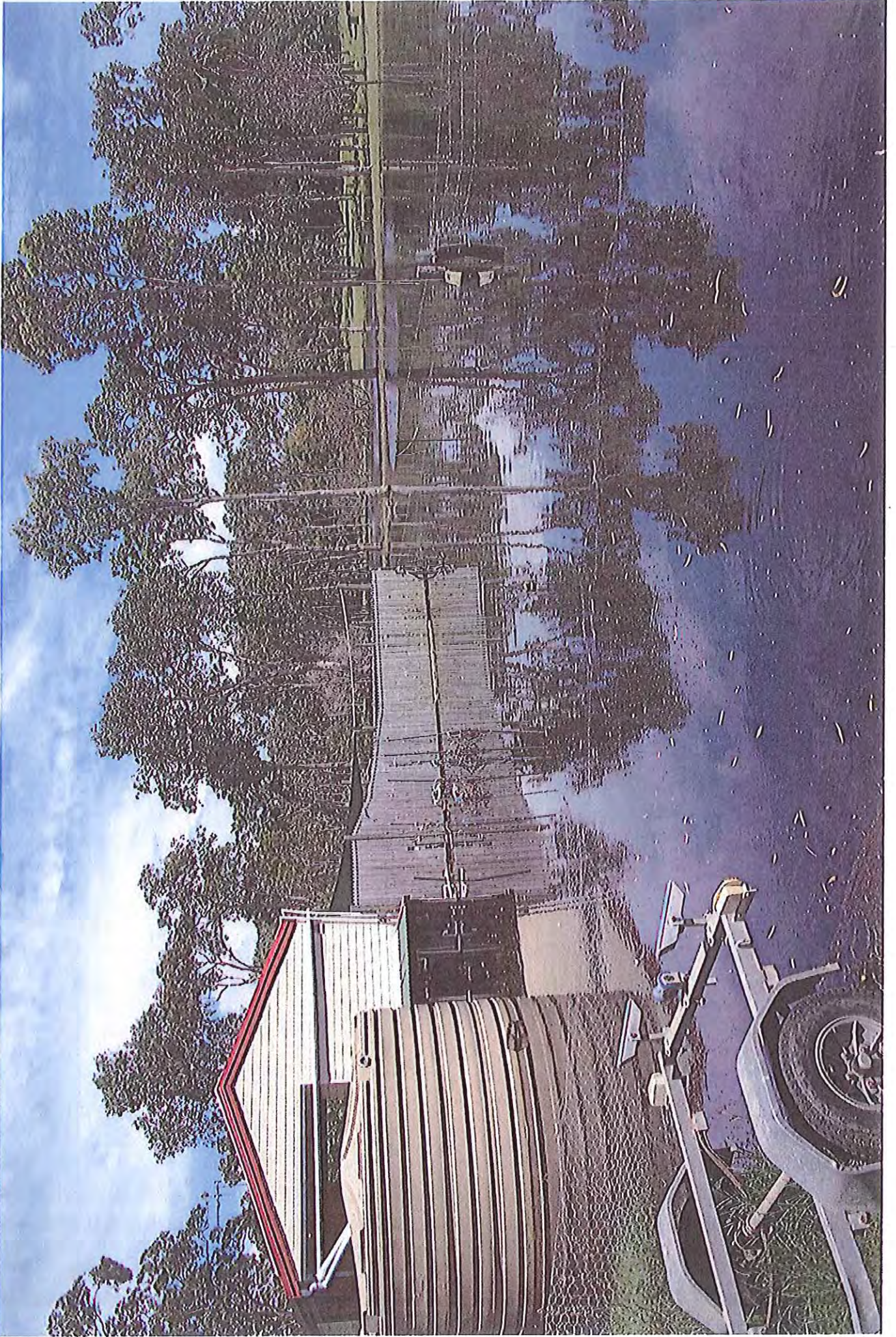
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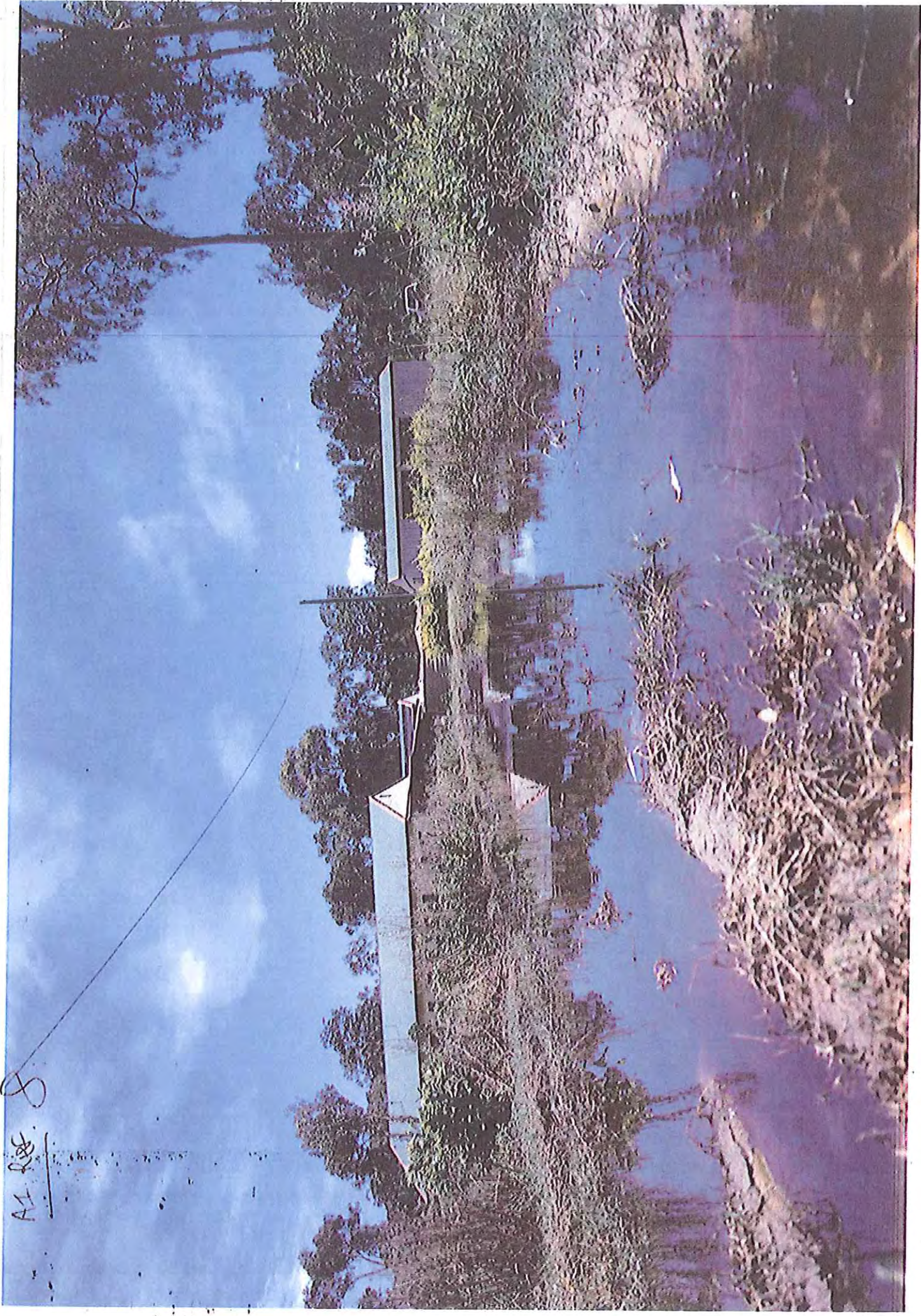
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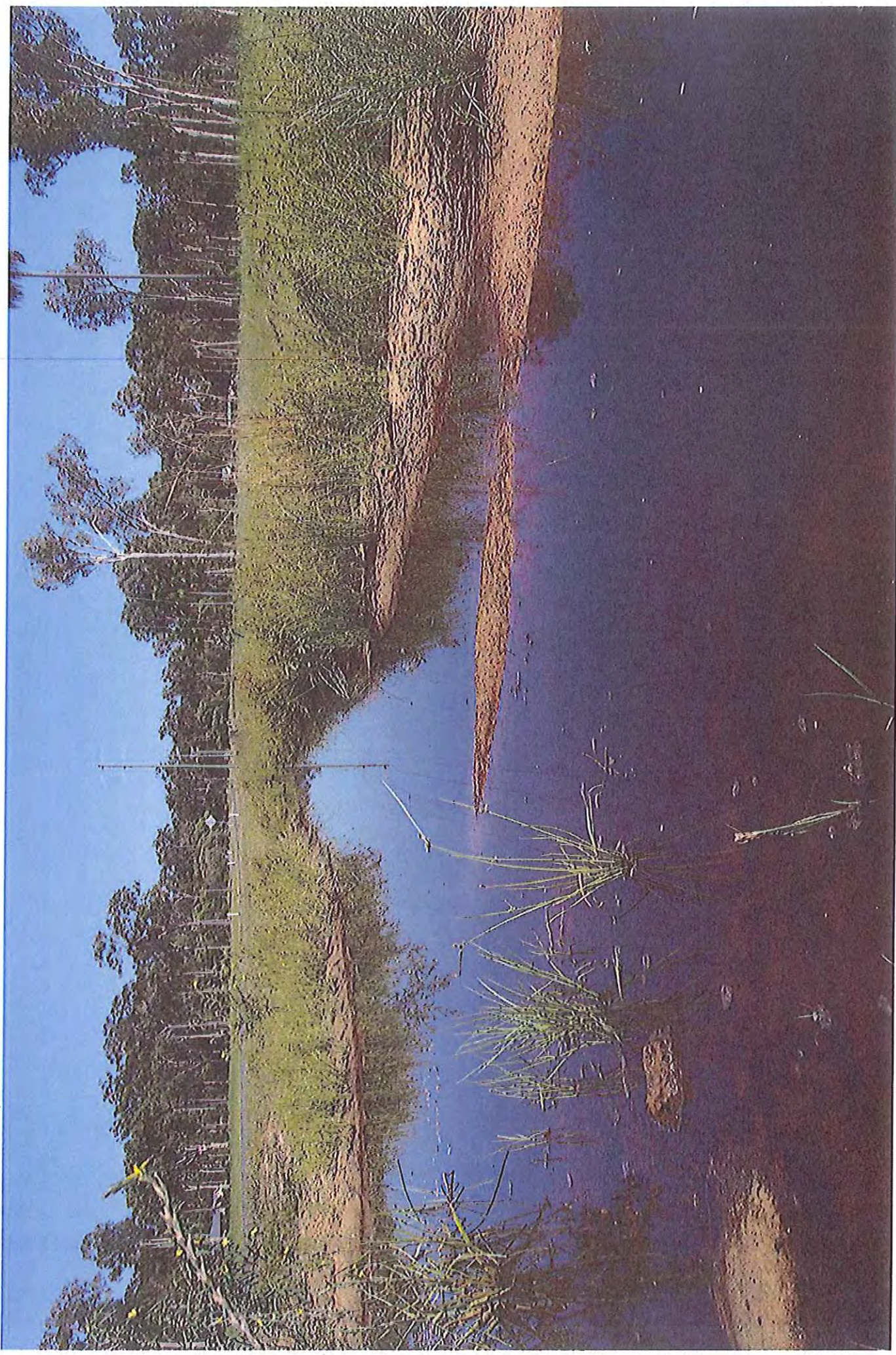


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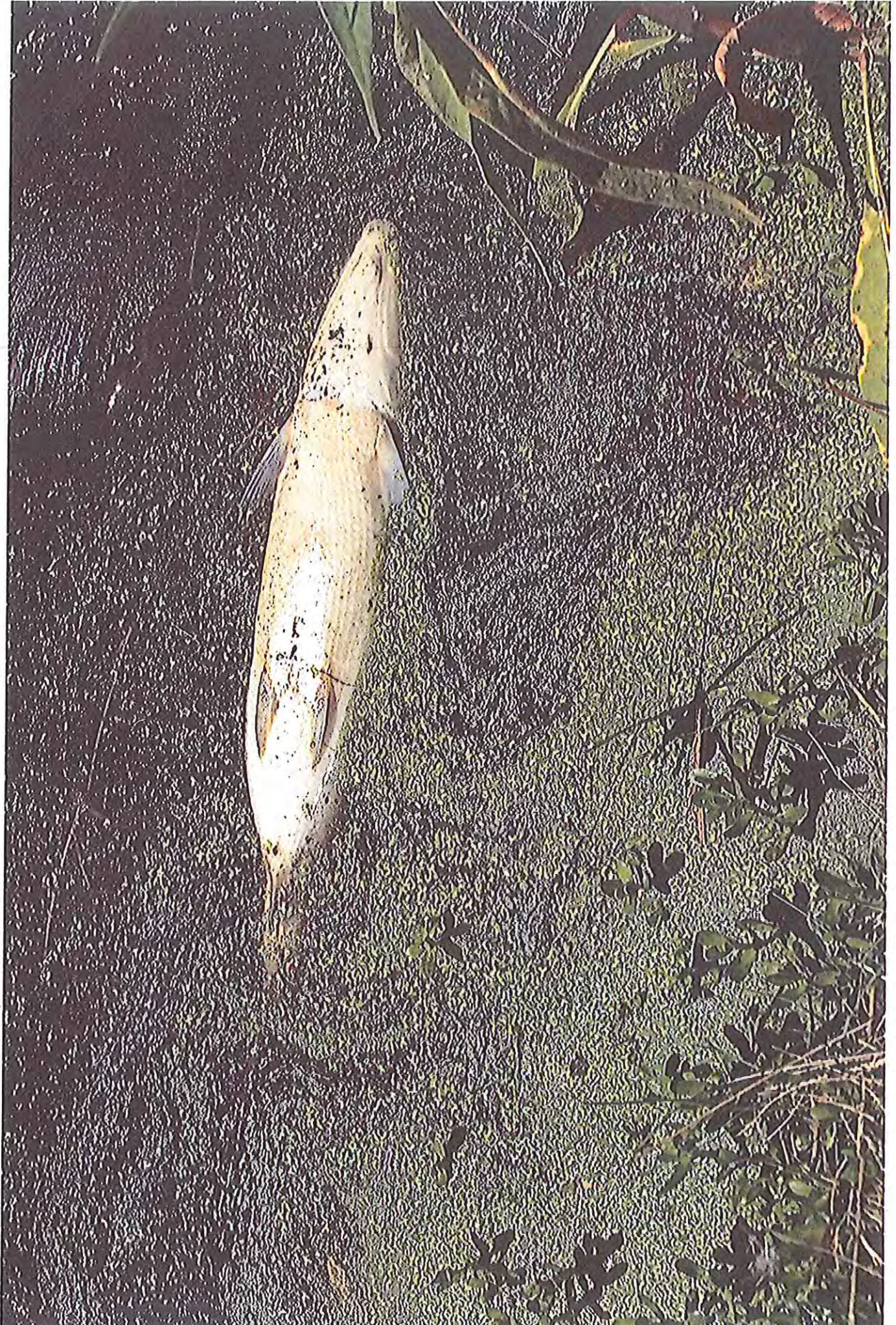
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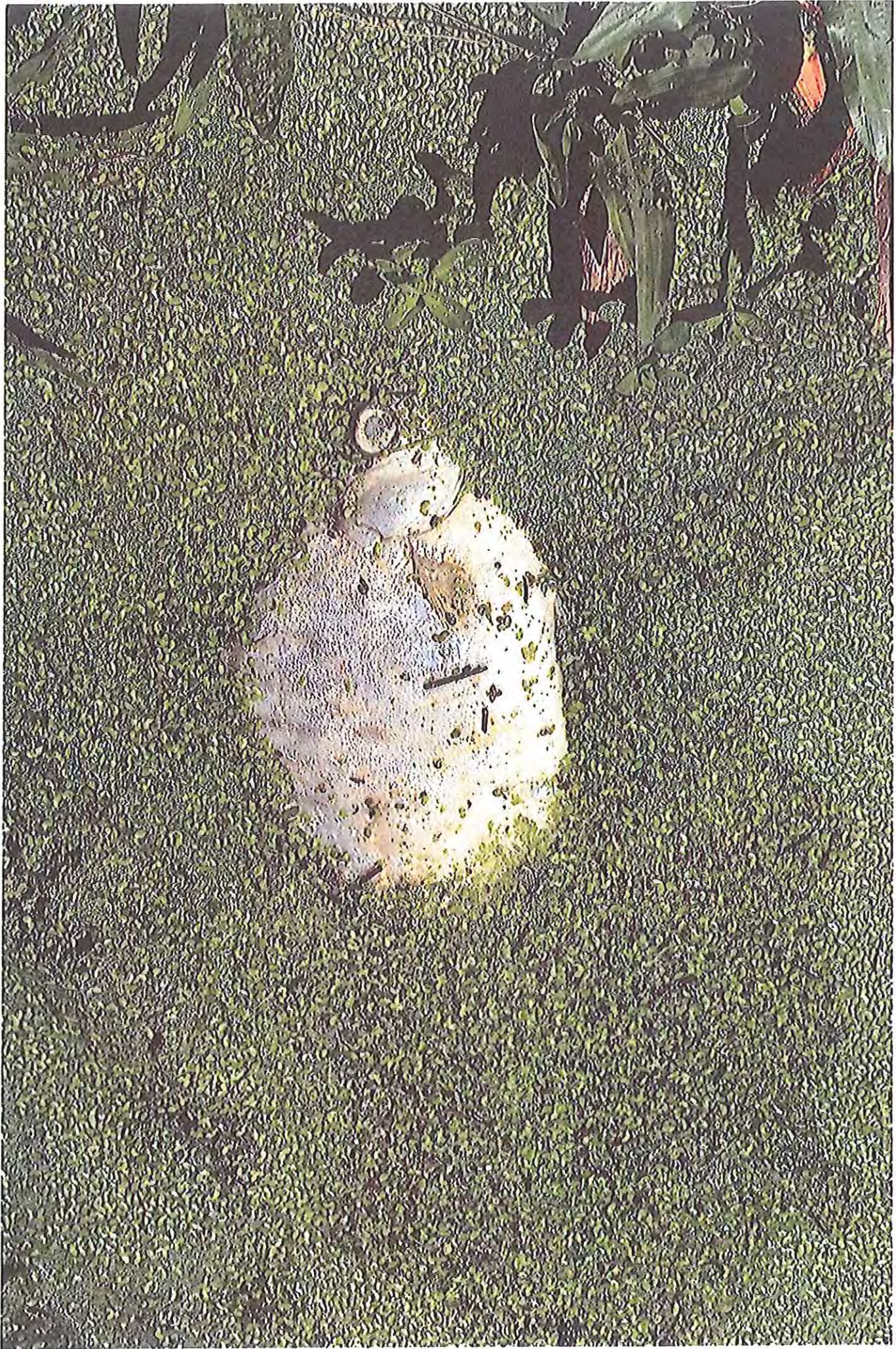
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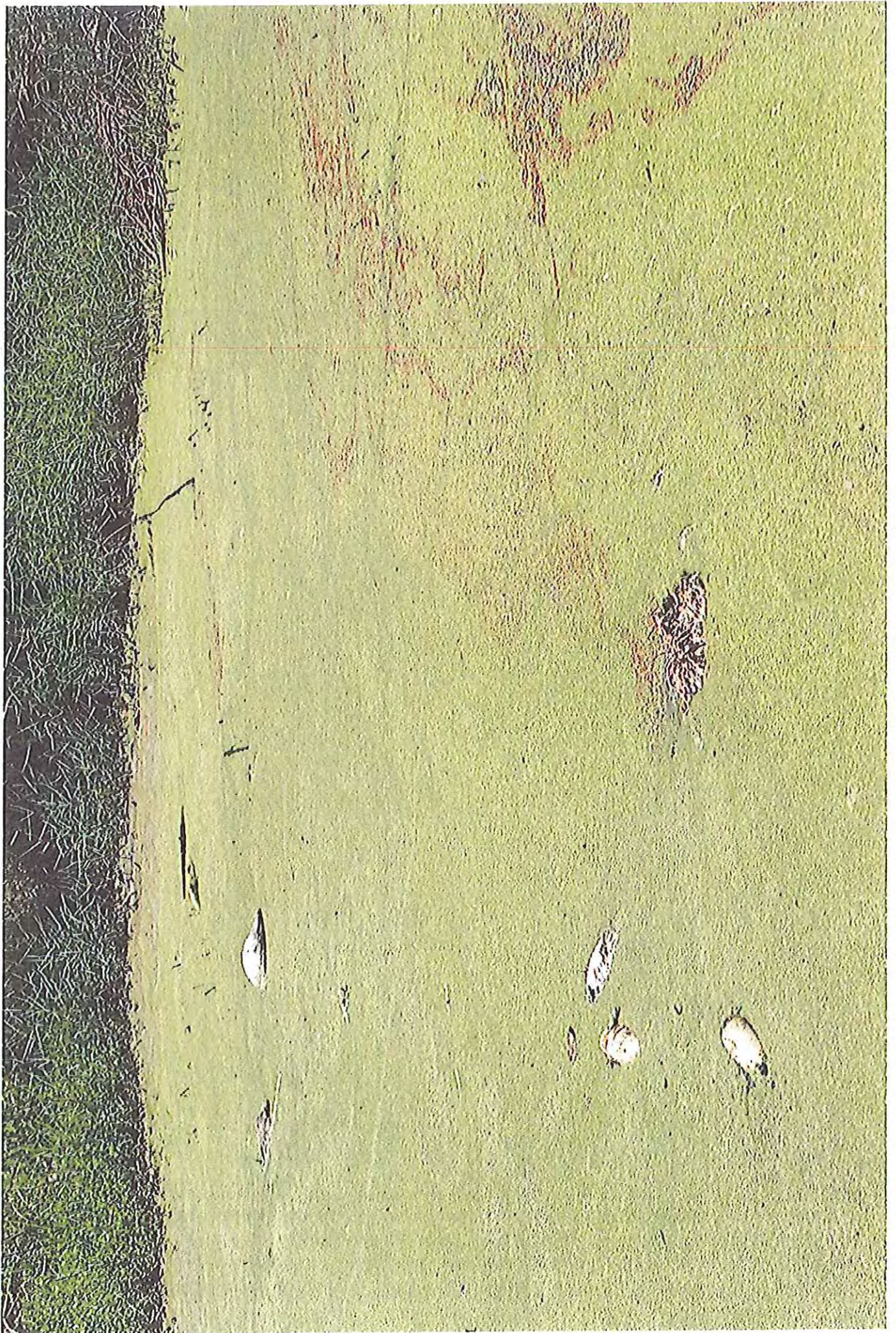
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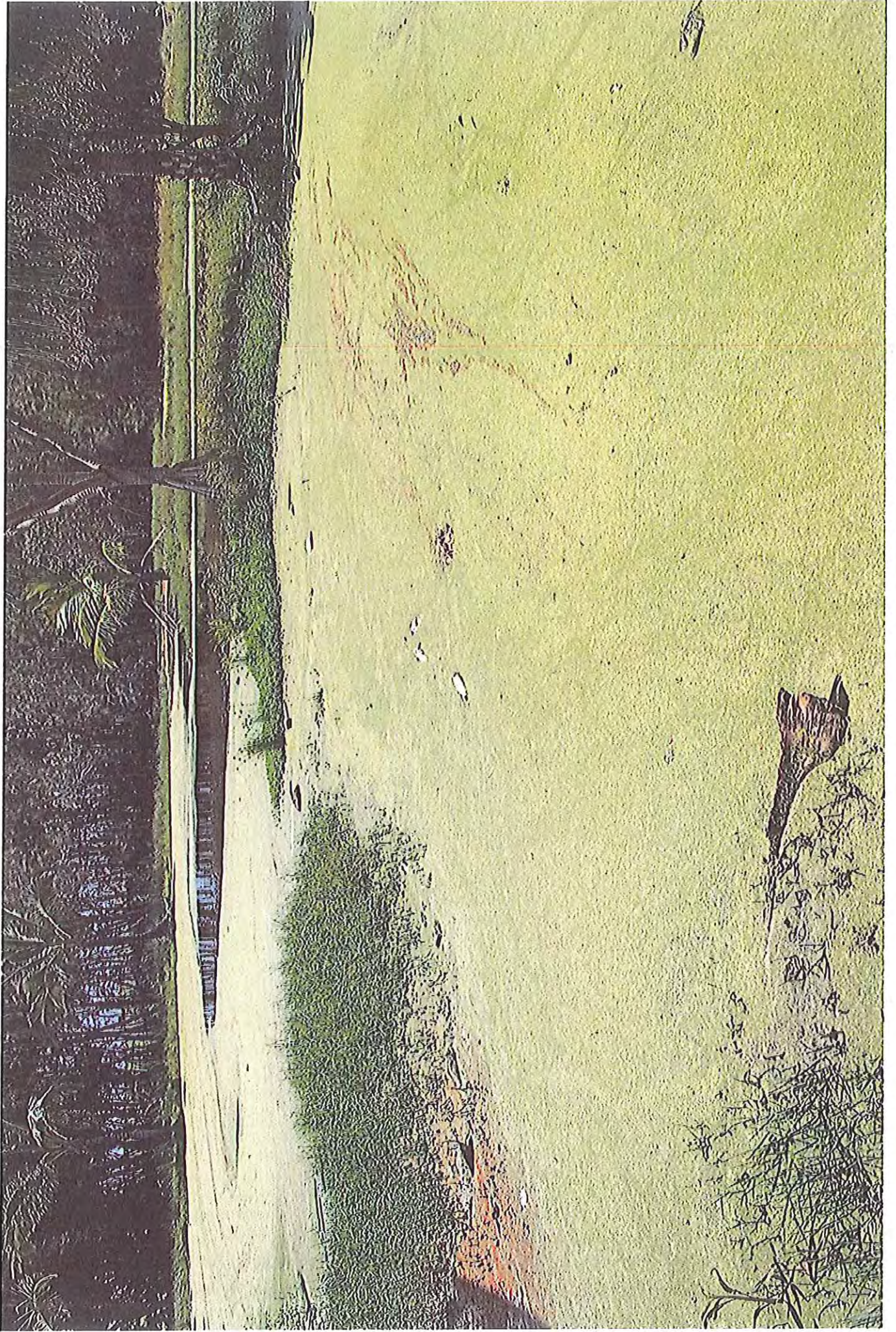
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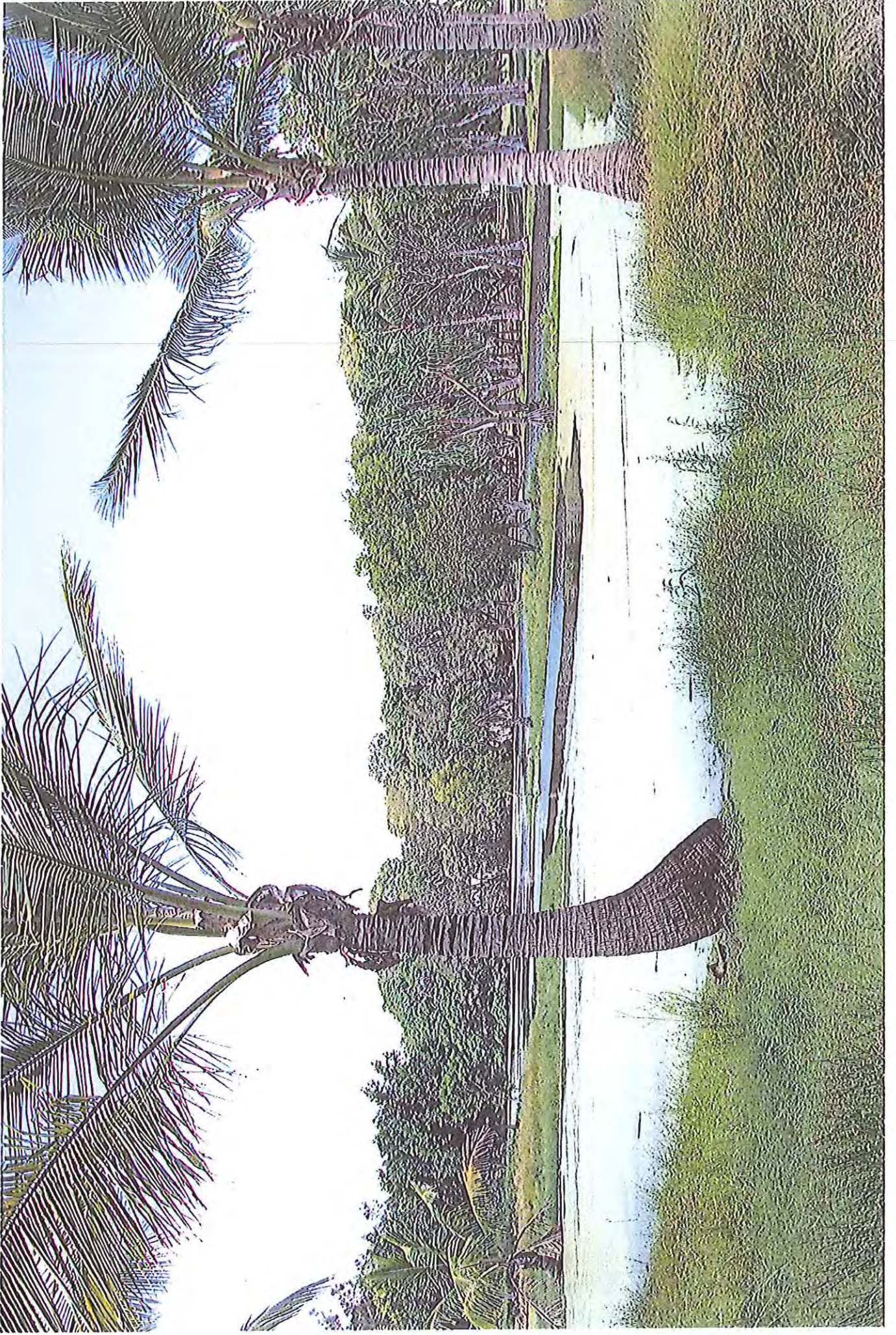
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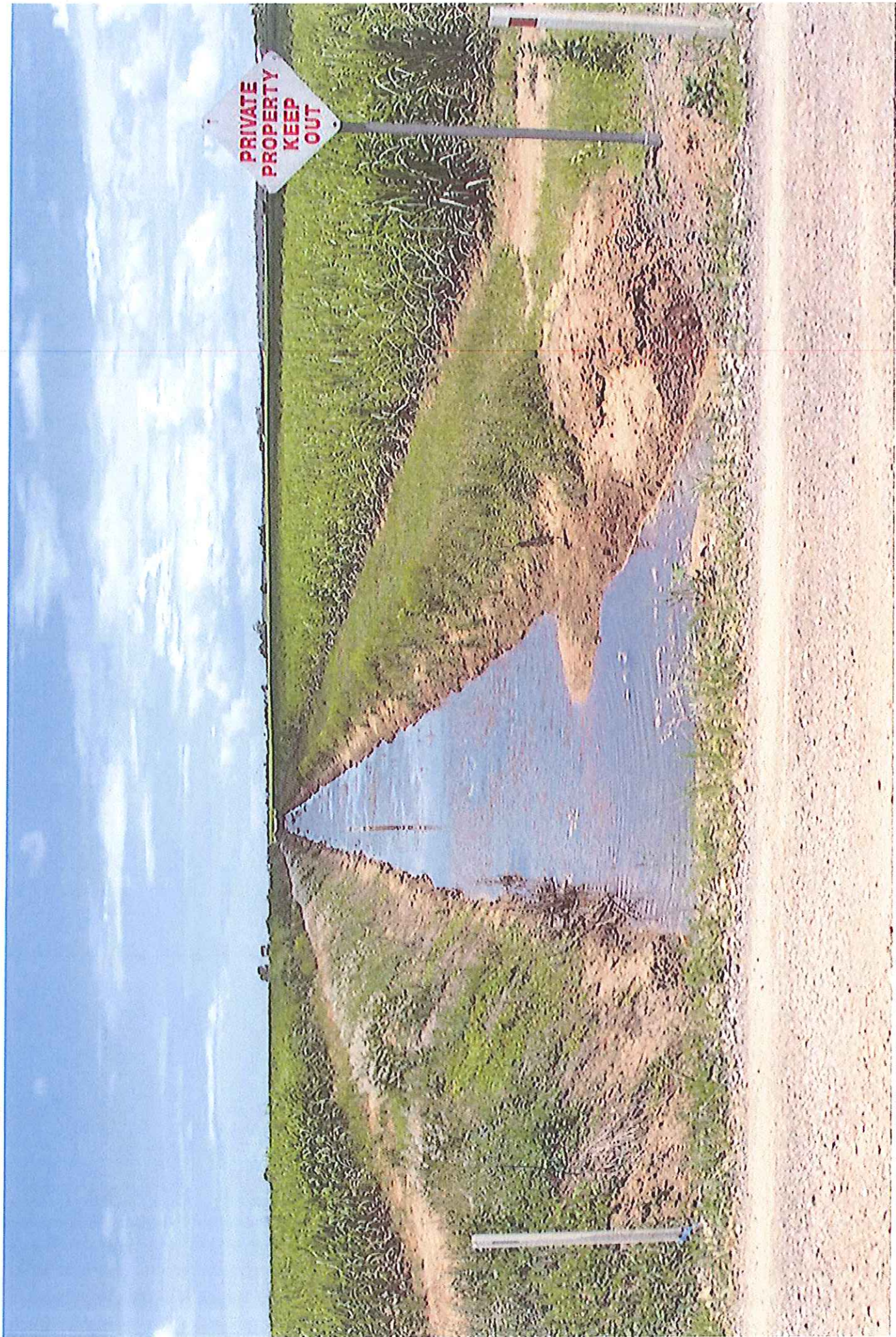
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LABORATORY REPORT

Sample Type: Water
Date Test Commenced: 16.03.11
Date Received: 16.03.11
Report Date: 23.03.11

Lab No. 15661/1

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EC uS/cm	1637
Suspended Solids	17.0
Total Nitrogen mg/L	<0.1
Total Phosphate mg/L	0.7
BOD ₅ mg/L	6

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Email: [REDACTED]

Mr G Shuter
[REDACTED] Heron Close
Moore Park Beach Q 4670

LABORATORY REPORT

Sample Type: Water
Date Test Commenced: 16.03.11
Date Received: 16.03.11
Report Date: 18.03.11

Lab No.	Sample Id.	Confirmed Thermotolerant Coliforms cfu/100ml	E. coli cfu/100ml
15661/2	Water	72	6

< = less than: > = greater than
<1 = None Detected
cfu = colony forming units

Method:
AS4276.7-1995

Issued by:

[REDACTED] MSc PhD MRACI CChem
Chief Scientist and Director

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Email [REDACTED]

Mr G Shuter
[REDACTED] Heron Close
Moore Park Beach Q 4670

LABORATORY REPORT

Sample Type: Water
Date Test Commenced: 22.02.11
Date Received: 22.02.11
Report Date: 24.02.11

Lab No.	Sample Id.	Confirmed Thermotolerant Coliforms cfu/100ml	E. coli cfu/100ml
15635/2	Water	2,200	1,200

< = less than; > = greater than
<1 = None Detected
cfu = colony forming units

Method:
AS4276.7-1995

Issued by:

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Moore Park Beach Q 4670

LABORATORY REPORT

Sample Type: Water
Date Received: 22/02/11
Report Date: 28.02.11

Lab No 15635/1

pH	7.3
EC uS/cm	462
Suspended Solids mg/L	26.0
Total Nitrogen mg/L	<1
Total Phosphate mg/L	<1
BOD ₅ mg/L	9

Issued by:

Dr W Holloway MSc PhD MRACI CChem
Chief Scientist and Director

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ATTACHMENT 4-1



MOORE PARK BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.

ABN 997 087 40221

MPBCA, PO Box 522, Bundaberg, Qld. 4670

President : [REDACTED] Secretary: George Shuter.
Contact [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

The following documents are a collection of letters, emails, conversations, observations and photographs relating to the ground water at MPB and the actions of various government bodies approached over a period in excess of 18 months.

These documents show a clear lack of interest by staff of BRC, misinformation and conflicting information provided by staff of BRC and a lack of transparency in dealing with BRC to a level where a lack of trust exists as to the veracity of their statements.

Communications with BRC to myself and [REDACTED] of Bundaberg Sugar differ as to the claims made by BRC staff. Issues of easement rights, DERM involvement, ground water readings and water flow direction have not shown consistency nor accuracy.

BRC has admitted at public meetings and by email that they cannot offer a solution to the problem. They have only interviewed farmers and residents recently to gather further history and information.

In gathering tidal flow information they have neglected to measure at the tidal pipes off Gengers Rd (witnessed by GS and LB in discussion with the female staff member at the tidal gates) and made claims as to the water flow direction which conflicts with previous information provided by BRC engineers.

BRC has neglected to investigate the history of Fairymead Sugar as to the measures taken to prevent seawater entering cane fields and the affect of these measures on the ground water in MPB.

George Shuter.
Secretary MPBCA.



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Residents angry over poor drainage

Dorey Gillett | 12th March 2010

ANGRY Moore Park Beach residents have demanded a drainage overhaul, claiming recent rains have highlighted fundamental flaws in the town's storm water system.

They have deemed the town's network of drainage trenches to be inadequate and have called for a Bundaberg Regional Council overhaul of the system.

Elfin Court resident Elke Weiss said a lack of road guttering and inadequate drainage caused a torrent of water to rush down her street and into her yard.

"Our backyard looks like a swamp and our next door neighbour's yard has ducks swimming through it," she said.

Her prized garden has been ruined and one end of her \$20,000 in-ground pool has sunk into the water-logged soil.

Paridanas Street resident John Spencer pumped the equivalent of an Olympic-sized swimming pool from his yard on Tuesday only to see it fill up again the next morning.

"It looks like the Daintree Rainforest in wet season out here," he said.

Mr Spencer believes his damage bill in the wake of recent flooding will run in excess of \$15,000.

"I want council to sit down and try and come up with some solutions. I don't think we should have to go through this again," he said.

Bundaberg Regional Council Mayor Lorraine Pyefinch said council was doing its best to solve drainage problems as they occurred.

"The low lying nature of many areas within our region means they are vulnerable to flooding and inundation during high tides, cyclones and significant rainfall events," she said.

Cr Pyefinch said council had a regular program to respond to routine maintenance issues, but poorly designed systems in low lying areas would always be problematic.

"Retrofitting all existing subdivisions that were constructed with poor or inadequate drainage systems is an expensive exercise beyond the capacity of this council and its ratepayers to fund," she said.

She said new subdivisions would be required to meet higher standards of engineering.



Manfred and Elke Weiss are unhappy with the poor drainage in their Moore Park Beach street.

Elke Knott
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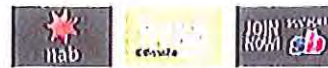


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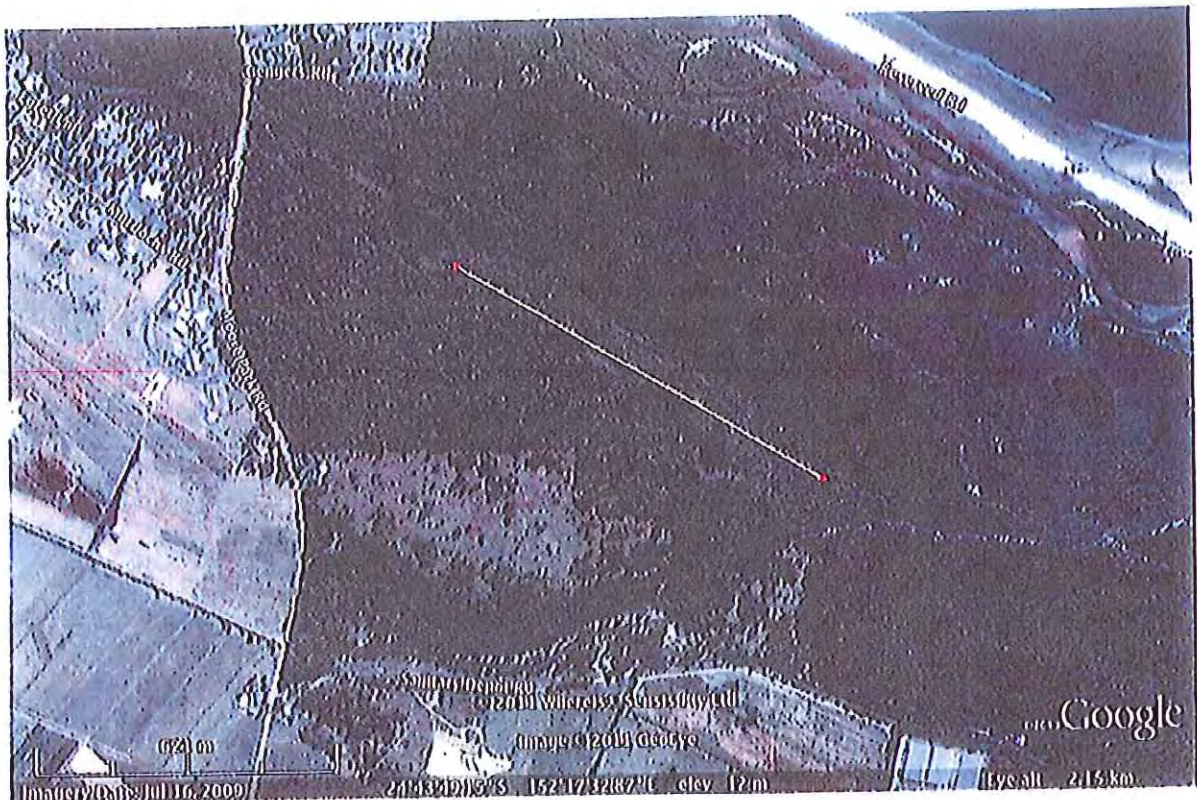
NO CHANGE AT TIDAL PIPES; HIGH OR LOW TIDE
WATER 200mm ABOVE PIPES; MINIMAL FLOW



East of tidal wall showing outlet pipe open, photo taken Mon 21st Feb. 10:30am with 3.2m high tide, water 200mm above pipe, minimal seaward water flow.

Measurements taken again on Sat 19th March. 8:10am with 3.39m high tide, water 200mm above pipe, minimal seaward water flow.
Sat 19th March, 2:30pm with 0.36m low tide, water 200mm above pipe, minimal seaward water flow.

Measurements take on Fri 1st April, 6:40am with 2.7m high tide, water 200mm above pipe, minimal seaward water flow.
Larry tried to kayak downstream, blocked 50m south.



PROBLEM ①

TIDAL PIPES: NO WATER FLOW
TO OCEAN; HIGH OR LOW TIDES
DO NOT CHANGE 200mm WATER
LEVEL ABOVE TIDAL FLAPS.

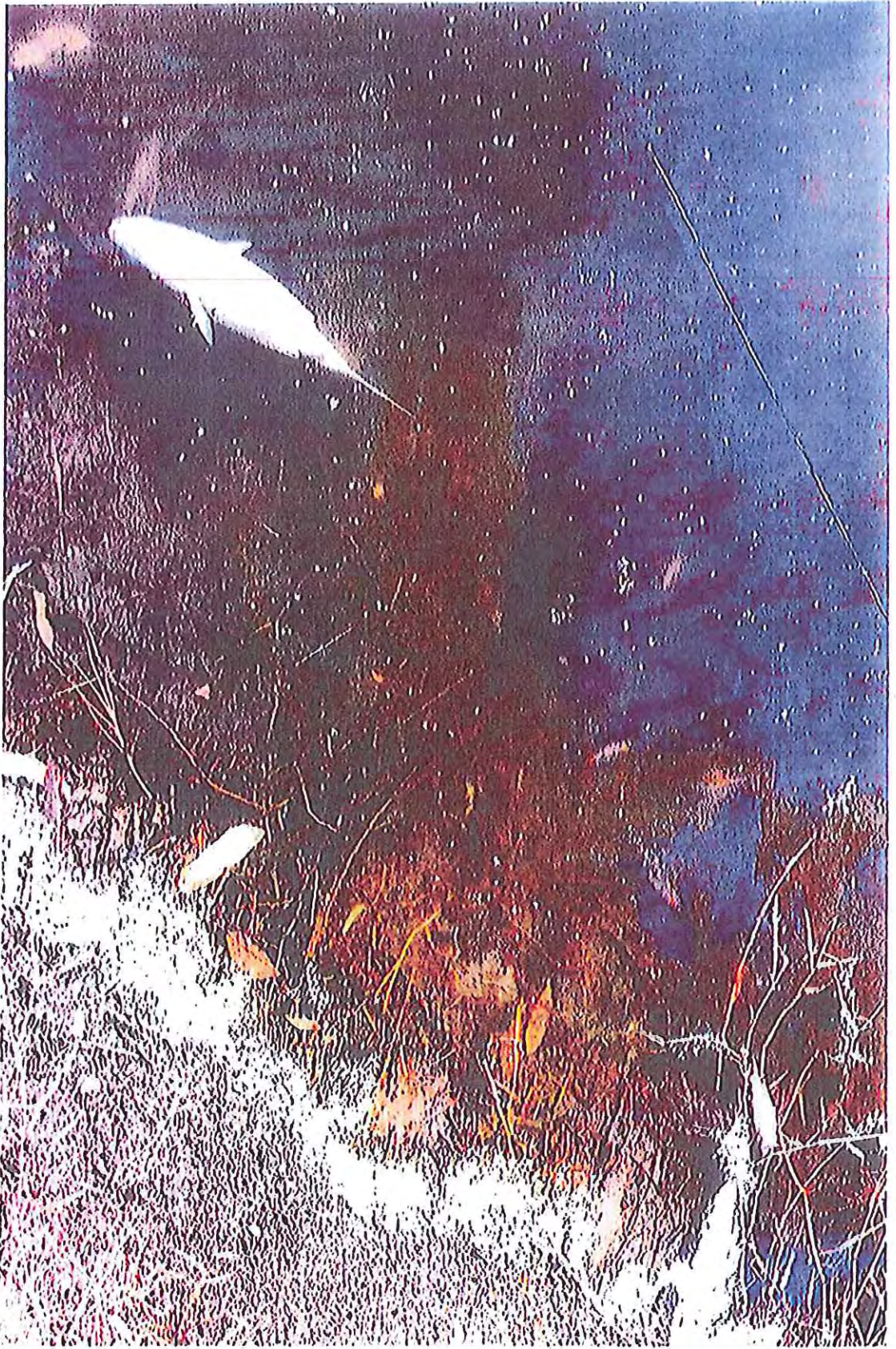
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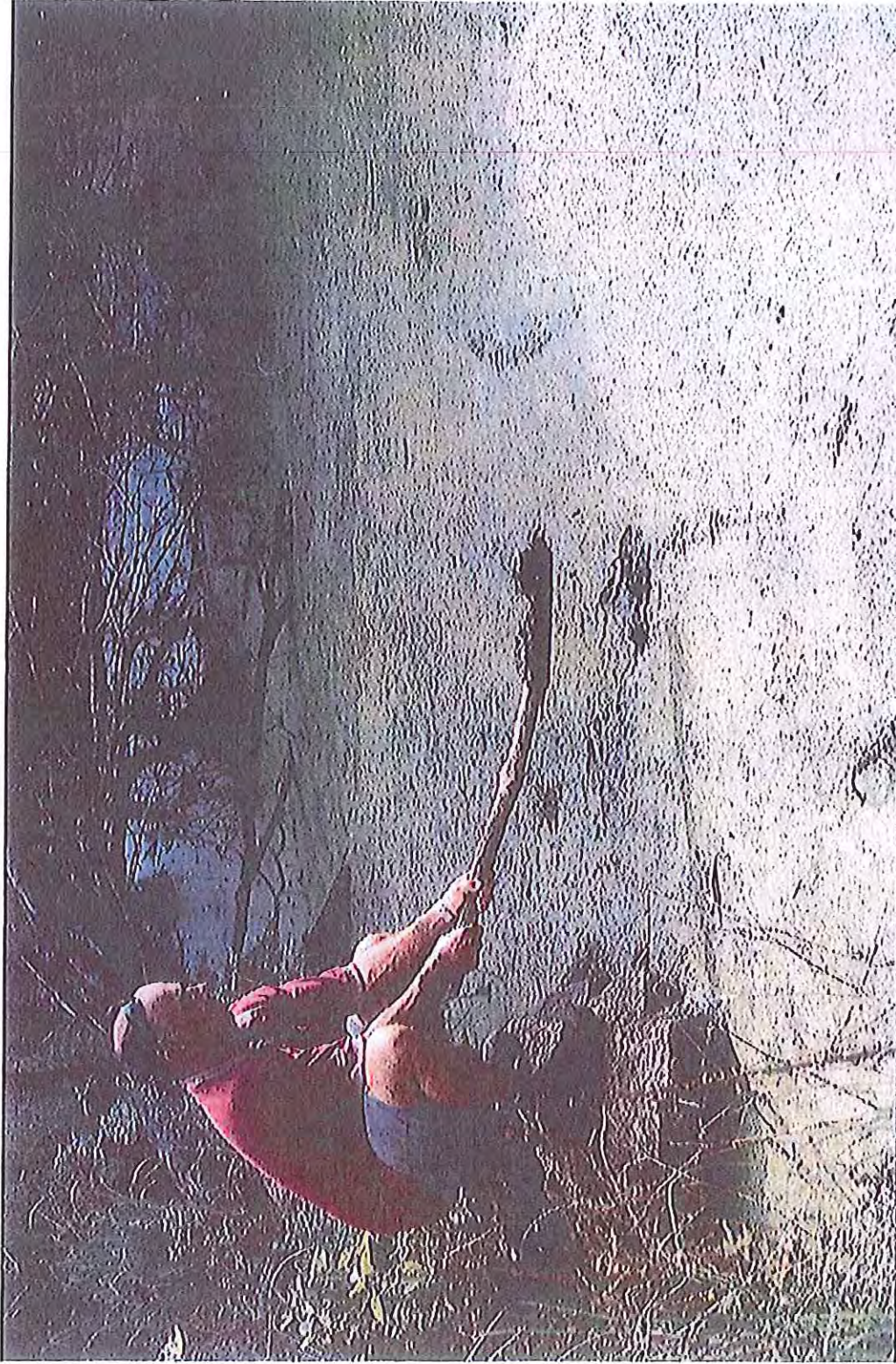
670m TO MPB CREEK
HAS NO FLOW \leftrightarrow ; ?



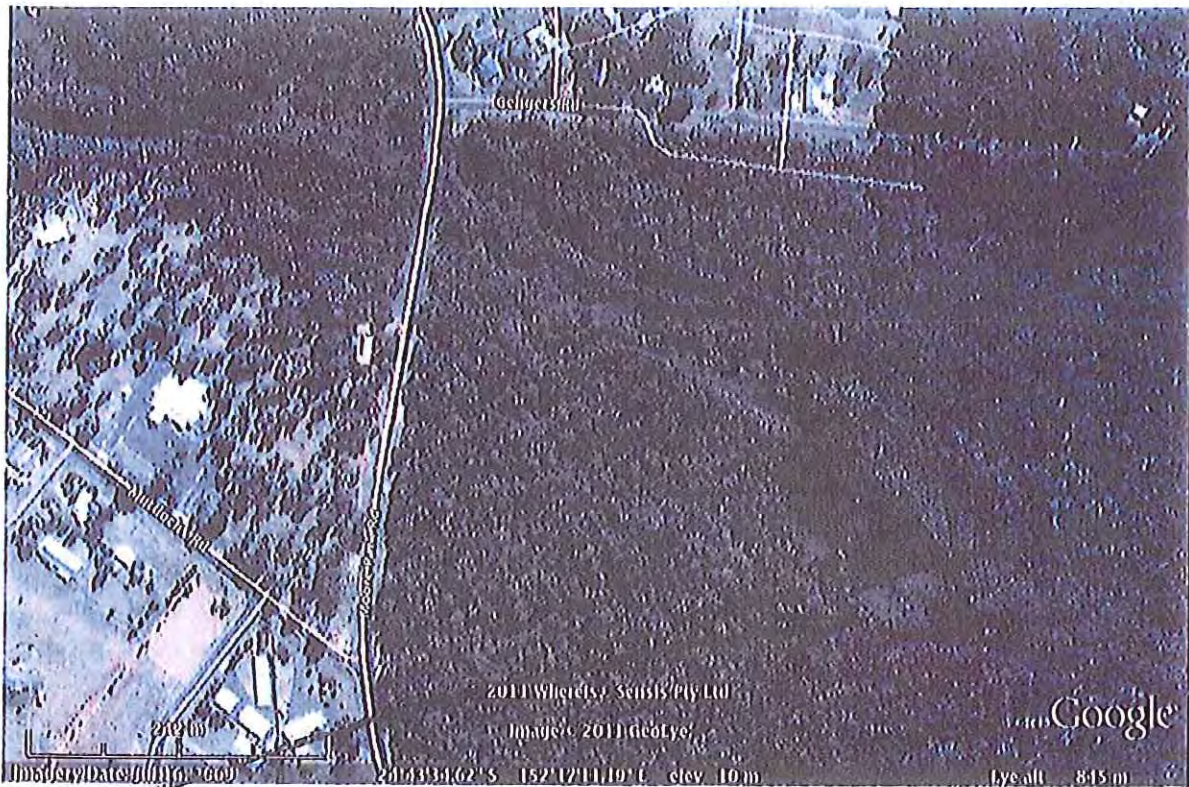
West of tidal wall showing heavy scum on water surface for 100m upstream.

Dead fish (several) upstream near Moore Park Road pipes.

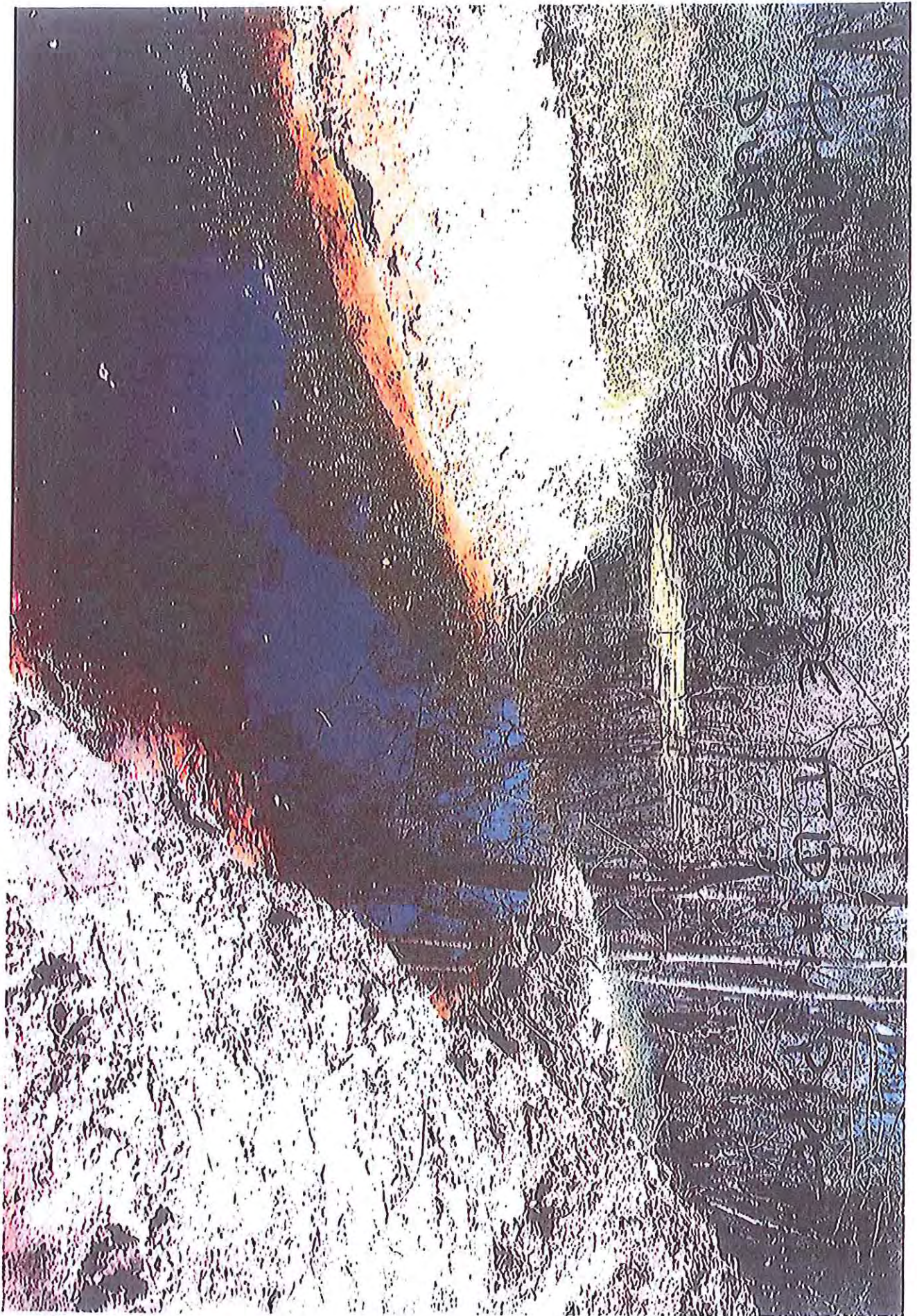




West of tidal wall (outlet pipes 3 x approx 40mm with tidal caps), minimal flow observed, heavy scum on surface for 100m behind.



WHEN CHANNEL DUG BESIDE
TIDAL PIPES @ 26TH FEB;
WATER LEVEL DROPPED
120mm; WEIR ACTS AS DAM.
AFTER 2 DAYS NO FURTHER
DROP AS BLOCKAGE
FURTHER DOWNSTREAM
HAS BLOCKED FLOW
(SEE "PROBLEM I")



ATTACHMENT 4 - 2.



MOORE PARK BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.
ABN 997 087 40221
MPBCA, PO Box 522, Bundaberg, Qld. 4670

President : [REDACTED] Secretary: George Shuter.
Contact [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

15th March, 2011.

[REDACTED]
Director Health and Environmental Services,
Bundaberg Regional Council.

cc: Cr Alan Bush.

Dear [REDACTED]

At the Moore Park Beach Community Association general meeting of the 28th February, I passed on information to Bundaberg Regional Council CEO Mr Peter Byrne as to a water sample analysis of the lagoon adjacent to the caravan park at Moore Park Beach. As it was without further documentation, I am including details for your records.

The sample was taken on the 22nd February, 2011 at the northern end of the lagoon and near the jetty. The testing was prompted as several dead fish, a layer of green slime and an unhealthy smell has been evident for some time. With the work being done at the caravan park, the Community Association saw the need for the lagoon to be in a suitable condition for residents and visitors.

The most notable result is the high E-coli level, which is above the levels seen as safe under the NHMRC guidelines. (included) The Community Association asks that the cause of the high E-coli levels be investigated by Council and that the condition of the lagoon be part of the Council's plan for the rejuvenation of the caravan park.

It is also asked that the Community Association be involved with discussions as they eventuate.

Yours sincerely,

George Shuter.
Secretary MPBCA



ATTACHMENT 4.3



MOORE PARK BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.
ABN 997 087 40221
MPBCA, PO Box 522, Bundaberg, Qld. 4670

President: [REDACTED] Secretary:
George Shuter [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]
Director of Health and Environmental Services.
Bundaberg Regional Council.
cc. Cr Alan Bush.

Re: Mosquito infestation at Moore Park Beach.

Dear [REDACTED]

It has been brought to my attention, from a significant number of residents in the area, that the recent rain has exacerbated the mosquito problems at various locations in Moore Park Beach. The large pool areas of water left from the recent rains has provided far greater breeding grounds for the insects and as such swarms are evident at all times of the day, not just morning and evening.

Previously, Council maintained a fogging programme at such times, to reduce the insect population and to lower the incidence of infections such as Ross River fever and specific allergic reactions. Many of our residents have suffered from Ross River fever and are acutely aware of the need to minimise insect populations and take individual safety measures.

The Queensland Government advises that contact be made with the relevant local health authorities when the prevalence and incidence of infections is indicated or anticipated. The Moore Park Beach Community Association, being representative of the residents of the area, is asking that previously implemented strategies be applied as soon as possible, as the likelihood of infections is apparent.

Using budget constraints to deny the safety of residents in this unusual situation is poor reasoning when the elderly, who are a sizable group in this area, and who are also most likely to have poor immune systems, are vulnerable to serious infections and long-standing adverse health results.

I ask that this matter be given your immediate attention and information be provided to the community, as to the preventative measures adopted by Bundaberg Regional Council.

Yours sincerely,

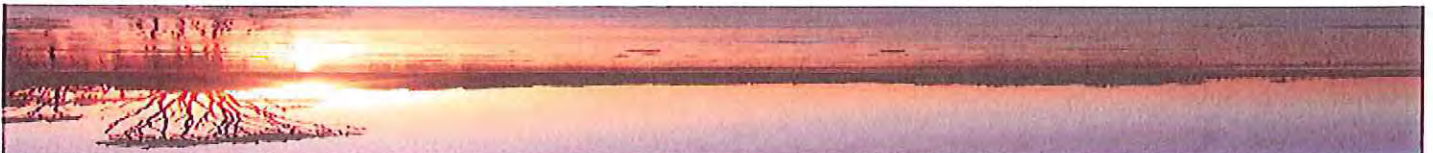
George Shuter,
Secretary, MPBCA.





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MPBCA, PO Box 522, Bundaberg, Qld. 4670

President: [REDACTED] Secretary:
George Shuter [REDACTED]



ATTACHMENT 4-4

MOORE PARK BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting: 18/4/ 2011.

President: [REDACTED] Meeting opened. 7:01pm

Guests; Rob Messenger MP, Sgt [REDACTED] Primo Property.

Attendance as per Register.
48 members

General Welcome and apologies.

[REDACTED]

Previous minutes, move to adopt.

Moved [REDACTED] sec [REDACTED]

Matters arising from previous minutes.
CA donation of \$1000 to FoA.

President's report.

Info re: ANZAC Day, FOI to BRC rates and MPB/Div 1, IGA survey has 12 recipients, MPBCA survey via website (+ flyer?), website and Shorelines not the correct means for berating individuals.

Treasurer's report. See noticeboard.

Moved [REDACTED] sec [REDACTED]

Correspondence in/out. See noticeboard.

Moved [REDACTED], sec V Shuter.

Secretary's report re: correspondence if required.

GS: update of groundwater issue.

Guest speakers,

- o Alan Bush. BRC issues.

- * Le Park proposal going to Council for approval,
* Fairymead boat ramp set

for 2011/12 budget, *

Austral sandmine proposal supported by A Bush, road, dust, conditions to be met, Zorzan/Tantitha mine to be closed down, upgrade for Zahs Rd and MP Rd, 16 truck moves /day, hrs of operation to be 6am-5pm Mon/Fri + Sat am. BRC could not reject sandmine proposal as cost of court appeal excessive.

* Drainage, BRC meeting with DERMs Tim Brain (A Bush stated tidal pipes NOT deemed 'abandoned'), Sandpiper Dr to have drainpipe installed to vacant land, Gengers Rd excavation from tidal pipes to MP creek to be costed on alternatives of straight line or other options of new line to main channel, Royal Bvd to be investigated for 3 options costings,

* C'van pk lagoon
water quality checked by BRC and declared to be at safe levels of E-coli typical for bird/fish habitat and within the accepted

levels, no septic contamination found.

* Welcome Ck

tennis courts cleaned and updated,

* BRC workers shed to be sited next to Fire Brigade shed.

* A Bush thanked for footpath

construction by BRC.

o **Rob Messenger.**

Sandmining.

* Austral sandmine one of many proposed for region, trucks, noise, kids safety should not be compromised by legal threats from companies, this proposal is NOT an accurate representation of constituents views, clarification needs to be made on what upgrades are proposed and what conditions apply to the miner.

* R Messenger offers

to work with BRC to secure state govt funds for roads, past history of lax approach by many Councils in the past.

* MPB drains need to be

cleared ASAP as the breached wall at tidal gates showed a reduction in ground water levels, health concerns exist with insect borne disease, is too slow.

* BRC's process and progress

* Police

petition closing soon, seeking options for police presence in MPB, initiate Police Beat or other?, MPB community has worked well with Police in the past regarding intelligence and information.

*

Role of Speaker (John McKell) to change in state parliament which will result is a diminishing of 'checks and balances', debate and financial responsibility, Upper House was abolished in 1922 but needs to return so as to prevent \$waste.

* Gordon Nuttle to appear before Bar of Parliament on 41 contempt charges and under parliamentary privilege.

* R Messenger supports IGA proposal to reduce duopoly, food security for Australia is a must, floods caused huge food loss in Qld.

- o [REDACTED] Police report. (not in attendance) meeting showed support for Police discussions from previous meeting.

- o [REDACTED] IGA developer, introduced:

* [REDACTED]

builder:

* He has had a long association with [REDACTED] (owner IGA), has seen a need in MPB for consumer services, sees a great potential for sustained growth in MPB with sequential growth re: residents and IGA, currently the foundations are being laid, most hiccups have been addressed, community businesses have been approached for leases, over 1000 sq mts IGA + 10 specialty shops expected but growth of shops depends on uptake of leases, seeking hardware, chemist, newsagent, bakery, denies competition will reduce current local businesses but has offered discussions with these businesses, MPB is a great location for tourism and growth and \$ will stay local.

* [REDACTED] owner:

*

IGA is a family business with connection to Burnett Heads, will

be 7 days, 7am to 8pm, prices will be mainstream Supa IGA with same specials, will use local produce as it is cheaper from locals, will employ up to 30 staff (15 to 70 yr olds), will be advertising July-November, evening shelf stacking, IGA contributes back to community with sporting clubs and schools, no decision as yet re: PO to pay bills or bank, shuttle bus to pick up shoppers is possible, flyers for 'specials',

stated her business would suffer as would others, Vince offered discussions with Sue.

General business. nil.

- Meeting closed at 8:35 pm.
- Next meeting Mon 27th June.
- Guests available for individual discussions.

ATTACHMENT 4.5

MOORE PARK BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting 25th Oct, 2010.

Vice President: [REDACTED]

Meeting opened: 7:05pm

Welcome to guests: [REDACTED]

Apologies: [REDACTED]

Attendance as per register.

Previous minutes, adopted [REDACTED] sec [REDACTED]

Business arising:

- Caravan park lease expires Feb 2011, permanents to seek new accommodation.
- Aquathon, seeking support from BRC.
- Sign to MPB entry (le Park)

Correspondence accepted [REDACTED]

Treasurer's report accepted [REDACTED]

Guest speakers, BRC representatives, Peter Byrne, Leon Spencer, Alan Bush, Wayne Honor.

- Caravan park is to be under BRC administration, repair (termites) and improvements to cabins, toilets, kiosk, upgrade of road, leasee rollover is expected in the future, no permanents on site.
- Footpaths, \$60K to be spent on new paths near new shops and turnoff, also convenience shop to roundabout.
- MPB sign needs to be approved, Lions sign to be restored.
- Surf club, current lease not to be renewed, new land adjacent to be approved, surf club to replan, common road entrance to surf club and caravan park, both freehold owned by BRC.
- Two permanent staff at MPB 90% of time, BRC Dept of Resource and Management to build permanent facility for BRC ground staff.
- Beach facilities to be addressed.
- Shopping centre has been give approval by BRC, developers to progress.
- Council amalgamation has incurred \$14 million debt, down to \$3 million currently.
- Issues identified by BRC: previous floods showed that strategies and formats need to be changed. General rates are to be increased for capital projects, water and sewage. Funds for capital works projects are to be subsidised by Qld govt.
- Discount of rates 10% after all other benefits and concessions applied.

- Waste management area involves monitoring of leeching, water quality, gas leakage, environmental conditions. Costs \$400K per year, per site.

██████████ BRC engineer spoke of many issues of water drainage due to water levels in MPB.

- maps showed level over 2.5 kms dropped 3mm only.
- Discussion as to how to remove standing water, pumps, trenches, levy, viewed as costly and not feasible.
- Future planning required for water solution.

General business.

- ██████████ asked if storage of flats for Fest of Arts OK in shed, yes.
- MPB website going ahead, scheduled for Feb 2011.
- Davis Carr, trees on beach dangerous, ██████████ to investigate with Dept of Environment re: removal as safety.
- Alan Bush, offered thanks to BRC staff for their efforts in 2010.

Meeting closed: 8:15pm.

MOORE PARK BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting: 28th Feb 2011.

President: [REDACTED] Meeting opened. 7:10pm

Guests; Peter Byrne CEO BRC, Peter Jensen, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Attendance as per Register.

94 members and guests present

General Welcome and apologies.
[REDACTED]

Previous minutes, move to adopt. V Shuter. Sec. [REDACTED]

Matters arising from previous minutes.

Council election, (corrected by P Byrne), Div system still to be decided on 12th March.

President's report.

Shed completed, thank you to working bee, weeds cleanup crew, website up and running, new caravan park and kiosk lease.

Treasurer's report. See noticeboard. Move to adopt. A Shuter. Sec. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Correspondence in/out. See noticeboard.

Secretary's report re: correspondence if required.

Nil.

Guest speakers, ie.

- o [REDACTED] re: FoA. Executive positions needed, ad on website for details.
- o [REDACTED] Clean up Australia Day. Sunday 6th March MPB, meet Palm Court, bring hat, sunscreen, water, gloves, garbage bags, 2-5pm. must register.
[REDACTED]. Demonstration of website, links.
- o Superintendent [REDACTED] (welcomed by [REDACTED])

General business.

- o [REDACTED] Festival of Arts, executive positions needed, info available on FoA website.
[REDACTED] CUAD, Sunday 6th March, 2pm-5pm, must register for insurance cover, meet at Palm Court, bring hat, sunnies: gloves, bags provided.
[REDACTED] demo of MPBCA website.

- [REDACTED] asked as to how Fairymead boat ramp is proceeding?
PB answered B'berg Sugar has been approached with a plan for approval by B'berg Sugar.
- [REDACTED] stated that this year is the wettest in 57 years and BRC should use the knowledge of locals in planning strategies for waterflow and drainage.
- Meeting closed at 9:20pm.
- Next meeting Mon 18th April. (brought forward due to Easter and ANZAC Day.
- Guests available for individual discussions.

ATTACHMENTS 4-6



MOORE PARK BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.
ABN 997 087 40221
MPBCA, PO Box 522, Bundaberg, Qld. 4670

President:
George Shuter

Secretary:

8th February, 2010.

Senior Environmental Health Officer,
Bundaberg Regional Council.

Re: mosquito control, MPB.

Dear

Thank you for your reply regarding Councils' mosquito control programme in the Moore Park Beach area, however, I feel the concerns of the residents has not been adequately addressed by the information provided.

I agree that fogging alone, is not a suitable strategy for mosquito eradication, but for extreme circumstances, where the spread of disease is imminent. The residents of this area are concerned as to what aspects of risk identification and assessment Council has in process as there appears to be very little information available via the Councils' website nor by direct contact. Council appears to advise of no strategy other than to advocate personal protection, which although important, is a secondary protection strategy.

The interventional means of interrupting the breeding cycle is seen by many local governments as a primary strategy that needs to be linked with personal protection and is generally, so advertised by media release and website information.

I welcome your recognition as to the need for a Vector Control Officer as part of the Councils' personnel and hope this position is filled as soon as possible. In the meantime, may I suggest that more information be made available to the local residents as to current strategies being implemented by Council in the Moore Park Beach area, as the recent wet weather has once again brought mosquitoes and the associated diseases to the forefront of local concern.

Please understand that the Community Association wishes to identify and intends to support all aspects associated with the positive health of the residents of Moore Park Beach and in this, support Councils' endeavours to provide for these goals being achieved.

I look forward to your reply and if need be by email at the following address.

Yours sincerely,

George Shuter,
Secretary, MPBCA.





MPBCA

Petition for:

Bundaberg Regional Council to clean and upgrade drainage systems in Moore Park Beach.

To: The Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland.

Queensland residents draw to the attention of the House, the ongoing serious concern that the Moore Park Beach community has for their health and safety. The recent floods have exacerbated and highlighted the dangers due to the lack of maintenance and repair of drainage infrastructure by Bundaberg Regional Council.

The Moore Park Beach Community Association and the Moore Park Drainage Committee petitions Bundaberg Regional Council to address the continuing issue of flood and groundwater inundation by cleaning and upgrading the drainage channels, upgrading the tidal pipes at Gengers' Rd and the connection to Moore Park Creek. Rates from residents and levies from cane growers to maintain drains in the region, have been collected by Council for many years for the purpose of maintaining these water channels and infrastructures.

Issues that have arisen due to the continued groundwater inundation include:

- mosquito borne disease and vermin infestation
- unsafe water conditions in public places
- house insurance rejection, conditions and premium costs
- anxiety and depression incidence in residents
- property value changes
- agricultural crop losses
- community isolation due to road closures
- changes to wetlands boundaries by DERM

Your petitioners therefore request the Premier and the House to use all legislative and political powers and resources to ensure the community's health and safety is not compromised, by guaranteeing Bundaberg Regional Council address this issue and if it is deemed to be beyond Council resources, to then initiate the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to address the issue to a positive outcome.

Principal Petitioner: George Shuter.

c/o Moore Park Beach Community Association
Club Avenue, Moore Park Beach, Qld, 4670.

Name	Address	Signature

Please return this petition form to:

- * MPB Service Station
- * Moore Park Bowls Club

- * The Pink Cottage
- * Zest Restaurant

by Monday 23rd May, 2011.

G Shuter. Secretary MPBCA.