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This year the Drains have been a challenge we have encounted many problems firstly the amount of Avocado Farms these are problematic because we will arrive at the property sign in start to spray and the wind may pick up slightly and we have to leave only to go back at a later date this is costing our company in time fuel and milage.

Secondly running tracks are not that good in some places we spend ages just going in and out of paddocks as the paddock fences go right to the drain again time wasted driving Drive 100 metres to spray 20 metres.

Thirdly arriving at a property and cannot find the owner so cannot go on to the property without permission.

Access to some of the drains are in terrible condition mainly crossings.

Pukepoto Outfall has had culverts removed by the farmer this means we have to back track several times.

Oinu Access is poor and trees along the drain means having to pull hose in and out of the trees.

These are a few of the things the boys have mentioned.

We have approximately 11 drains to do this should take a week weather permitting.

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