



## Park's scars remain

Stormwater from Ivon Watkins-Dow's chemical plant in Paritutu Rd is still causing an ugly scar in Paritutu Centennial Park

The water flows down a deep watercourse that has been carved down the hill in the park to the beach.

The channel it has carved is yards deep in some places, and has eroded the track that once led down to the beach from the lookout-parking area above.

The sides of the channel are continually eroding away, and big lumps of earth and grass are falling into the watercourse.

A large muddy pool marks the spot where the stormwater enters the park from a pipeline under Paritutu Crescent.

A similar situation has existed at the park for several years, although the damage has been pointed out in a number of articles by the Herald.

The Mayor, Mr A. G. Honnor, said he could not comment on the situation when he was asked about the erosion today.

A council sub-committee, consisting of the works committee chairman, Mr A. L. Herdman, and the city engineer, Mr N. G. Harris, had met the chemical company to discuss the matter.

Mr Honnor said he did not know what agreement had been reached. The sub-committee would report to the next meeting of the council's works committee, which, would in turn, report to the

council's next ordinary meeting early in February.

The chairman of the council's parks and reserves committee, Mrs A. N. Gale, also declined to comment on the situation today. The matter would have to be discussed through the normal channels now that a meeting had been held with the company, she pointed out.

Mr Herdman could not be contacted for comment this morning.

\* A view taken in the park yesterday, near the top of the hill. Stormwater can clearly be seen, pouring over the bank and into the eroded channel.