

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into the Increase in Victoria's Road Toll

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The maintenance of Victoria's rural roads has been shortchanged as there are obviously too many other priorities when it comes to budget allocation. The problem is that that maintenance is an issue that has been "kicked down the road" for way too long. Now there are many stretches of our C-grade roads that can no longer be properly maintained, they have to be replaced completely. Many of our C-grade roads were laid when traffic counts were lower than they are today. The C-152 between Deans Marsh and the M-1 is a major artery for heavy vehicles traveling between Colac and Lorne. As there are whole stretches of the roadway that need to be dug up and replaced in order to be safe. I would invite you to make the drive along the road to which I refer. We locals who drive this route know where the spots are and swing into the other lane to avoid them. A good example is west-bound between Aurel Drive and Railway Terrace and both lanes of road East of Bushes Road. There has been major subsidence of the soil supporting the roadway in these and many other areas.

As I mentioned, we locals have dealt with this is for a long time and will continue to deal with it safely, but this becomes on another issue completely when the tourists return to our roads once again. The RRV answer to the problem is to throw some more cold-patch on the holes and hope that nobody notices until the next rainy spell when the holes reappear.

Thanks for listening to my message. I have tried to avoid making this sound like a rant, but I am really concerned for the people driving Victoria's C-grade roads. Something should be done to elevate their position in the "pecking order" when it comes to budget allocation time.

Regards,  
Don Creaves

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