I am constantly appalled at Vicroads handling of our roads. The roads in my region (South Gippsland) are in a serious state of disrepair. For an area that carries large volumes of heavy traffic along with a large amount of tourist traffic the roads are simply not good enough.

Road maintenance is, in my opinion very poor and repairs seem to be mostly very poorly executed with repairs often breaking up in a matter of days if not hours. A shovelful of gravel/tar loosely thrown into a pothole is not a satisfactory repair, and usually results, more often than not, with not just a pothole but there’s now loose gravel scattered across the road posing yet another hazard for motorcyclists and possible windscreen damage to other motor vehicles.

Even roads that have been completely reformed and resealed seem to be substandard often resulting in roads having to be redone again in a matter of weeks. I’d like to know who pays for these costly repairs, is it the contractor because the work was below par or is it Vicroads and ultimately us as taxpayers?

To me, it would seem Vicroads regularly use contractors that don’t really have the skills to properly construct a road to a high standard but are used perhaps because their tender was the cheapest...

Unfortunately Vicroads don’t seem to be accountable to the general public and seem to be a law unto themselves. They design and set in place ridiculous traffic calming measures, inappropriate and artificially low speed limits and seem to be obsessed with placing wire rope barriers willy nilly with no regard to the safety of motorcyclists, often, it would seem, ignoring their very own guidelines for the placement of barriers.

I suspect having local councils managing and maintaining roads wouldn’t change things drastically but, having local people controlling local road conditions and “hopefully” being more approachable (and accountable) than Vicroads MAY be a step in the right direction.

Yours Sincerely,

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