Inquiry Name: Inquiry into VicRoads' Management of Country Roads

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The current business model must change, because under VicRoads 'care' we have neglected country roads in dire need of upgrading.
VicRoads has a long history of avoiding paying for road renewal, in favour of salaries, consultants and committees.
The modality of putting out a job to tender and accepting the cheapest quote has left us with inadequate and often dangerous repairs to roads that really need renewal.
The Wire Rope Barriers fiasco is just one example of going for the cheapest, short-term option rather than being thorough. These "Safety Barriers" (as the VicRoads spin doctors are now calling them) are being dismantled all across Europe because of the decapitations and limb separations that motorcyclists have experienced since their roll-out. They're initially cheaper than Armco, but the maintenance is more expensive in the long run (when the current VicRoads executives will have moved on to lucrative retirement consultancies with the likes of Trans Urban).
Instead of "Rough Surface" or "Hazard Ahead" signs all over the country roadways, just fix the damn roads.
VicRoads has indeed failed in their duty of care to Victorian motorists, and there is surely blood on their hands.
Time to hand the task to another entity, in the hope that they will do a better job of caring for Victoria's roads.

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