Public Submission re: Management of Country Roads

Trotters Coaches (Coaches R Us) road fleet operate throughout Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales.

These services include V/Line services, Charter, School Buses and Special Disability Bus Services.

Drivers, passengers and our workshop staff are continually commenting about the rough roads, dangerous hazards and extra stress placed on everyone. The escalating mechanical damage from repeated extreme pressure continually encountered by the suspension systems and other components on buses is costing a fortune to repair.

Spending the limited resources wisely has never been more important. Setting up a specific Country Roads Organization in regional Victoria where the money is to be spent makes a lot of sense. Decisions have to be effective not short term quick fixes that just waste money and frustrate the travelling community.

Consultation has to be transparent and comprehensive so that the whole picture is available to the decision makers. Everyone must be heard, not just the best lobbyists.

Difficult situations have to be dealt with not put off and money allocated to areas of most need not influenced by political bias.

The management of Victorian roads into the future needs to be continually updated and planning for future progress will mean better utilization of funding. Work performed now should be the start to future work and not disjointed patch up programmes.

Regional Victoria needs to be supported properly so that it can expand and develop to its full potential. Roads are the blood supply to any regional area and neglecting the roads will cripple the community.

We need to get Victoria back on track.

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