The current Government stated they were going to govern for all Victorians but this does not seem the case for rural Victoria.

**PLANNING**
There has been poor planning and design of Western District roads over many years.

**CONSTRUCTION**- Inferior.
Road Sealing: The sealed width of Carramut/Warnambool Road C174 and many others are too narrow requiring vehicles to drive with their left hand wheels on the gravel edge when meeting another vehicle coming in the other direction. This results is the extreme wear of the gravel edges exposing the bitumen edges making driving extremely dangerous. It damages the vehicles by extreme tyre wear which leads to the need for constant wheel alignment.
It seems that very little maintenance is done to these gravel edges of narrow road seals.
Some of the pot-holes are beyond belief. eg. Caramut/Warrnambool Road C174 between Bostocks Lane and Minjah/Hawksdale Road.

**WATER IN WHEEL TRACKS**- is a problem when driving in the wet.

**ROAD MAINTENANCE**-
Road Patching is absolutely inadequate from the equipment to materials used. Bitumen material used to seal roads is not satisfactory. It melts in the heat and disintegrates in the wet weather.

**FUTURE VISION**- Obviously this is lacking and must be included being an important planning area. VICROADS should designed the roads that they control in rural areas of Victoria to take ‘B triple’ trucks up to 100 tonne. ie sale yards, abattoir, grain terminals, and bigger farms.

**CONCLUSION OR RESULTS**
I recently purchased a new mazda CX5 car and at 10,000 service it required a wheel alignment and the front tyres had warn 4mm on the edges and two in the middle of the front wheels. The Service Manager of Warrnambool Mazda said this is due to the road edges. “We now test the alignment of the wheels as many of them require this service due to the poor roads.”
That this was required on a new vehicle was most disappointing.
Please acknowledge the arrival of this two pages [sent separately]

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