REASON FOR USING THE ROAD
I am making this submission because I am currently driving on the Princes Highway from Camperdown to Warrnambool every week. This is necessary because my husband has to attend the Podiatrist at SW Community Health in Warrnambool for weekly treatment of diabetic ulcers.

I am 84 years of age and am the driver because he is unable to drive due to his foot ulcers.

CONDITION OF THE ROAD
The road on which we have to travel is appalling! During recent rainstorms, the potholes on the road were unseeable due to being filled with water. This meant that every time we went over a pothole, tyres and wheels were stressed or damaged - depending on the depth of the pothole.

These potholes have been filled intermittently. The material used for filling is quickly splashed out of the potholes as soon as there is a little more rain and we are left with the same holes only with more rubbish being thrown out of them.

Now that the weather is drier, we can now see the potholes and try to avoid them. BUT to avoid them it often means that one must drive very close to the centre of the road - a dangerous procedure on a two-lane highway.

Any repairs that have been done to the road consist of either a stretch of rough patching with loose stones and loose edges or small fillings of individual holes - both of which leave the road with uneven, bumpy, rattling sections which continue to stress the vehicles that travel on it.

Money, time and EXPERTISE are needed to fully repair the road so that it is not only safe, but STAYS safe for more than a week or two.

I am happy for this submission not to be confidential.

Sincerely,
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