Submission:
“I drive the Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road (C704) five days a week for work, and every single time I drive along the road - it is of a worse quality. There are parts of the road, namely between Little River and Balliang, where the road is of washboard quality. Every single time it rains, new potholes open up that are so deep that they have damaged rims and cars of people who drive over the potholes. From there, when VicRoads sends out contractors to fill the potholes in question, the quality of work is appalling and so lacklustre that the same potholes open up the next time there is a rain shower. VicRoads tore up a stretch of the asphalt on the Geelong bound lane several months ago and the repaved segment is already starting to fall apart.

The Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road (C704) is a major thoroughfare for trucks and people who live in Geelong and work in the west, and vice versa. And yet, it seems as if VicRoads is treating it as if it was a gravel road in the middle of the state. Placing “Rough Surface” and “Road Hazard Ahead” signs rather than actually fixing the road seems to be VicRoads choice of option. They did the exact same thing in Kalkallo between the Caltex and the Beverage exit of the M31. They dropped the speed limit and put up permanent “rough surface” signs rather than fixing whatever the issue is with the road.

Look at the Geelong Ring Road (M1) between the Fyansford and Highton/Ceres exits, Colac bound. The road is chipping away and the left lane is so uneven it’s almost unbareable to drive along. The Geelong Ring Road (M1) is not even ten years old and it’s already falling apart.

The quality of work that VicRoads puts into fixing regional and rural roads is nothing less than negligent, and will kill someone eventually. I have had paint chips and a shattered windscreen within two months of a brand new vehicle because of the absolutely appalling level of work they put into fixing their roads. I did not seek compensation because VicRoads needs “proof that it is their fault” which you’ll never be able to do because they think the work that they are doing is acceptable.

Asphalt is not laid properly, loose stones are left all over the road and most
of the time, the “repair work” is nothing more than placing down a gravel type asphalt any claiming it to be an acceptable job.

VicRoads needs to be held accountable for their actions and their outright negligent conduct. You cannot put a price on a human life, and yet that is exactly what VicRoads is doing. ”

Cheers,
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Regards,
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