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Vic Roads - Endangerment of Lives and Property, Rorting of the Taxpayer Purse

Focus is 30kms of road between Casterton and Dergholm, Victoria within the last 18 months

Issues and incidents to date :- (In no particular order)

1 Fatality

1 near fatality involving B Double wood-chip truck colliding with oncoming utility on blind bend. Air ambulance and police from two shires attending. Driver of utility flown to hospital.

Endangerment to school childrens lives over 6 month period due to non-response by Vic Roads to correctly repair large hole across blind bend.

B Double wood-chip truck rollover caused by oncoming truck “bounced” across road due to dangerous dips in blind bend.

Damage to agriculture machinery. Compensation paid by Vic Roads under confidentiality agreement.

Damage to live stock, vehicles and machinery.

Vic Roads repairing the same sections of road time and time again. In one case over a dozen times. The latest case involved a single Vic Roads representative, a truck of asphalt and a shovel attempting to repair a 3 foot deep pothole. All the so-called repairs falling apart within days of works.

Roadworks signage erected with no actual roadworks taking place, often left for months at a time.

Line markings not replaced by Vic Roads, particularly double white lines.

Lack of response by Vic Roads when contacted via phone or in writing.

Road users forced to take evasive actions to avoid pot holes and dangerous sections, to reduce the amount of damage to their vehicles.

It appears Vic Roads cares little about public safety and more interested in dipping into the taxpayer purse. Repairs that are done, are of sub-standard quality, never inspected when “completed” and fall apart within a 2-3 days. When these repairs fall apart they are always worse after the supposedly completed works and will ensure Vic Roads will eventually attend to repair again. All this at the expense of taxpayers.

I can supply photographs and copies of emails to support my statements if required.

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