To whom it may concern,

I wish to contribute to the Inquiry into VicRoads’ Management of Country Roads.

I am a health professional who has recently relocated from an urban environment to regional Victoria in an attempt to contribute to the shortage/challenges faced in healthcare in rural and regional areas.

I live in Glenthompson and work everyday in Warrnambool. To do this, I commute 1 hour each morning and afternoon on the C174 Caramut Rd.

I drive a 5 star ANCAP safety rated vehicle. I don't speed. I don't have a history of driving offences. Yet I feel unsafe driving to and from work.

This road is one lane for a significant portion, has a lot of blind rises and corners, some intersections and train crossings, and services usual traffic as well as a lot of farm equipment, stock, trucks (wildlife!) etc. One has to steer off the road quite frequently to let passing traffic through safely, which is dangerous because there are a lot of potholes in the gravel on the side of the road, and jagged bitumen on the edges which can both damage your car and cause accidents.

Given the recent accidents (including a fatality) around the Glenthompson area, I would think improving this road would be a priority for VicRoads.

Please widen this road to two lined lanes the entire length and ensure it is maintained to a standard replicating that which would be expected in the city (i.e., fix the potholes, better signage, traffic control devices etc), so I can feel confident coming and going to work, and we can have a safer local community.

Many thanks for your consideration,
Kate Fanning
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