Hello,

Once upon a time I remember being proud of the quality of Victoria's roads. It became a family saying that on crossing the borders into other states, the roads deteriorated. Now the reverse is true. I have to wonder whether this is due to the increased empowerment of councils in managing local issues.

I understand that VicRoads and the 'relevant municipal councils' are responsible for the maintenance of the state's roads, and I question the role of councils in this relationship. I suggest that the funds so often splurged on the building of glamorous new council offices (just as one example of self-interest) be diverted into road maintenance instead, which is of benefit to the wider community.

I believe councils should take greater responsibility for road maintenance in their locality by regular monitoring of road conditions, reporting promptly to VicRoads on any problem areas, and managing their funds accordingly.

Kind regards,

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