Please consider my submission & comments as per below:-

Victoria years ago used to have what was considered the best maintained main road network in Australia, now I believe it is the worst!!
After travels over recent years through NSW & into northern Queensland and through SA & WA and up to Exmouth all the interstate highways and main roads are definitely far superior than Victoria’s. Also after recently returning from New Zealand even their roads leave Victoria’s road maintenance management network/regime for dead.

Once you hit the border coming back into Victoria it is quite evident, the lack of effective maintenance that VicRoads is carrying out.
Roads are bumpy, patching is very poorly carried out and some roads are dangerous.

1/ Various Freeway & highway maintenance is a disgrace.
- Grass cutting/weed growth is not carried out at sufficient intervention levels and recently on new years eve travelling to Geelong the freeway near Werribee Open Range Zoo had grass and weeds that were chest high and a definite FIRE Hazard. How this is allowed to go unchecked is beyond me!!
- Grass/silt build up along Freeway/Highway pavement edges is allowed to build up at critical locations to such heights that water flows/ponding during intense rain events builds up to a dangerous depth near the travelling lanes. Evidence of this can be seen on the Princes Fwy at Beaconsfield near the Soldiers Rd overpass.
- Maintenance/reinstatement of wire rope barriers after being hit by vehicles is far too slow. Various instances of slow reinstatement along the Princes Hwy from Pakenham to Bunyip and beyond has been evident over recent months. A section near Brew Rd (outside Gumbuya World) Melbourne bound has been down for weeks. VicRoads & the TAC are touting the benefits of the wire rope barriers but what benefit to they have if they are not fixed quickly after being hit!!??
- Wire ropes hmmm, I can see their benefits but would have to question the amount of money being spent on these and the locations where they are being installed and whether the money would be better spent on shoulder and surface maintenance to get “better bang for your bucks” to make the roads safer!!

2/ the use of ROUGH SURFACE AHEAD signs is laughable, carry out maintenance and these signs wouldn’t be required, you very rarely see these signs interstate, so go figure, says something about our roads & Maintenance funding!! When recently in NZ they were carrying out widespread roadwork maintenance extensively which we very rarely now see in Victoria!!??
Classic example of a road that is very poorly maintained is the Yarra Glen to Healesville Rd past the Yarra Glen racecourse, what a disgrace. VicRoads answer was to drop the speed limit to 60 from 80 but in doing so they’ve left some of the old 60 KPH AHEAD signs mid length along the revised 60 KPH zone in place, that to me is total incompetence and a lack of foresight, vision and supervision!!
The section of the highway from Yarra Glen near the chocolate factory out to Dixons Creek is also very poor.
Bulleen Rd near the Eastern Fwy is also a disgrace as is the section of Narre Warren/Cranbourne Rd in Narre Warren near Saxonwood Rd that finally after 3 years of “YO YO” big dipper road might finally be fixed at some highly exorbitant cost. The section of Berwick/Clyde Rd north bound just north of Thompson Rd needs total reconstruction after being built about 7-8 years ago. What does this say about VicRoads requirements on developers and their own supervision??!!

Princes Hwy out past Pakenham had rough surface ahead VMS boards out about 12 months ago for months on end until works were finally carried out, why on a major hwy did it take so long to carry out these works??

3/ VicRoads answer always seems to be to lower the speed limit rather than carry out the required maintenance so funding must be an issue or maybe its the manner or areas that Vic Roads are spending their budget allocation, maybe they need more $$$$$$. Road from Upper Beaconsfield through to Cockatoo then on to Yellingbo is a classic example!!

4/ Is there really a need for multiple/numerous VMS boards to say DRIVE SAFELY or whatever the message of the month is, surely these $ could be better spent on maintenance so that the driving conditions are safer??

5/ try ringing the Vic Roads hotline 131170 to report traffic hazards. Sometimes it can take up to 5-8 minutes to get through so if people are ringing from their mobile to report a dangerous issue why would they bother waiting?During a recent storm event it took me over 15 mins to get through, understandable given it was a storm event, but the next day around midday, I rang back to check on the matter and it took 18 mins to get through during no storm event, so obviously this area is understaffed and needs an overhaul!! Asked for the manager to give me a call still haven’t heard from him/her!! Good customer service/feedback, NOT!!

6/ Sign maintenance, some being old and dirty or hidden by trees, shrubs etc, combined with graffiti is very poor and VicRoads policy on graffiti is not a good look for interstate/ overseas visitors or locals in general.
This area needs to paid more attention as does graffiti in general it’s a blight on this once proud state!!.

Cheers am happy to discuss further as required thanks

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