On 05/02/2016, at 3:10 PM, “Elizabeth Ryan” wrote:

For your records.

_Tuesday 2nd February 2016_

_I was with my youngest son travelling east over the bridge when a fully-laden log truck travelling towards us was rolling back and forth about 40 degrees as he drove over the “patched” sections of road. He managed to remain on his side of the road. I just waited at the bridge until he passed safely._

_My son then told me that different truck drivers he knows of are driving down the centre of the road rather than driving on this section of road._

_I lodged a complaint to VICROADS (500900000) regarding the south side of the Birregurra-Deans Marsh Road between the bridge (Main Street) and the Birregurra-Forrest Road._

_Today I have received phone-call Manuel from VicRoads-Fulton Hogan advising me of what he had found on inspection of the road_

- minimum 500m failing
- took photos
- job in our system
- emailed the pavement people because it is more than maintenance
- need to re-instate the road
- advised that there will be a “major push”

_I have had to really “sell” and explain the road’s history because the people at VicRoads I have spoken to are either totally unfamiliar with the road and or do not know its history (subject to flooding, heavy river flats, soil type, built up road, type of traffic using it - milk tankers, school buses, pedestrians out to Brae, cyclists, grain trucks, cattle trucks, log trucks, Oh I forgot gravel trucks)._  

_I asked Manuel to speak to Gary McCormack because he would know the road’s history._

_I also requested better signage which he agreed to._

_I requested a reduction in the speed limit in this section he needs to contact the “safety team” for this to occur._

_I asked how often the road gets inspected and he told me once a month. He said he hadn’t travelled along this section of road at 100kms and hadn’t encountered a truck._

_Yours faithfully_  
_Elizabeth_
Good Afternoon Elizabeth,

Thank you for your time on the phone today.

As per our discussion, I can confirm that there have been arrangements made to commence a detailed site inspection in early December, which will provide information for our engineers to use in a proposal to repair/rehabilitate the area in question.

A further update on progress will be available in February 2018.

Regards,

Vasko Damcevski
VicRoads South Western Alliance

Road No: 5015
Local Road Name: BIRREGURRA-DEANS MARSH ROAD
Declared Road Name: BIRREGURRA ROAD
Town/Suburb: BIRREGURRA
Melway Reference:
VCSD Reference: 521 O8
Region: South Western
Municipality: COLAC OTWAY
Location Comment:

Concern Description: VICROADS (500900000)

Follow-up required urgently
Middle Name:
Licence Number:
Date Of Birth:
Vehicle Registration Number:
Vehicle Make:
Vehicle Model:
Street Address:
Town/Suburb:
State:
Postcode:

Enquiry Type: Web Mail
B. A. Representative: SWCRT Mail
Action Officer: VASKO DAMCEVSKI
Risk:
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Classification: Other

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Driving east out of Birregurra township along Main Street – across the bridge the road changes to the Birregurra-Deans Marsh Road.

Reality check in the township and on this road there is signage of either road’s name.

The intersection of the Birregurra-Deans Marsh Road with the Forrest Birregurra Road, Birregurra.

This is another local intersection that is managed by Vicroads that does not have signage indicating that it is a T-intersection. No mention of either road’s name.

The signage on the Birregurra-Deans Marsh Road only indicates that Birregurra and Colac are left of the intersection – no distance. What happens if you turn right from the Birregurra-Forrest Road? What road are you on? This is not helpful.
There is no signage to indicate that this Rifle Butts Road is a narrow single bitumen road. That has a narrow bridge and a steep hill climb and is subject to flooding. There are no flood indicator signs.
I was at our dairy washing the yard on Sunday 8th March 2015 when I looked south and saw something silver flying through the air at the intersection.

I immediately rang 000 whilst I turned off the washdown pump. This is what I found:

the four male occupants had all got out but kept returning to the vehicle to check stuff. There was smoke/steam coming from under the bonnet.

The people that stopped were amazing... slowing down traffic from each approach... sweeping the road with tree branches... a local police officer heading to work in Colac took over from me as I slowed traffic coming up Rifle Butts Road.

Sunday 8th March 2015 2.30pm

Just south of the intersection of Birregurra-Deans Marsh Road and Rifle Butts Road, Whoorel.
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Intersection with Salt Creek Lane
Whoorel – not signed