I am writing this submission on behalf of the Yanakie Progress Association to express our concerns regarding the management of roads in our area.

The road that is of concern for our group is the Meeniyan Promontory Road, from Meeniyan to Wilsons Promontory National Park. This road is the only road to this National Park and as such has a very high volume of traffic. It is also a road that services a large dairying industry and as such has grain trucks, livestock trucks and milk tankers travelling on it as well as School Buses and Coaches. Currently this road is in a poor condition with the verges being higher than the road itself therefore not allowing any rain runoff to get into the drains. This causes the water to flow along the edge of the road causing a rut on the road edge. This in the long term allows the water to seep under the road surface and weaken it causing damage to this surface.

Given the volume of large vehicles the road width is an issue as well. It is very difficult for two large vehicles when they meet to pass without one getting off the road surface, this is when the rut along the edge becomes a hazard (very similar to getting your wheel caught in a tram track).

The condition of the road recently led to it being closed for the Great Victorian Bike Ride as the Road was deemed to be dangerous to allow both the bike riders and normal traffic to use the road at the same time.

This was very inconvenient for the local people as well as the rider group.

The maintenance of this road is in the form of patching and placing sign warning of road and water hazards, this usually happens when there have been complaints or local residents have notified Vic Roads of issues.

We are very concerned that the condition of this road will lead to an accident with tragic consequences and feel that it is time that money was spent on country roads.

Yours Sincerely

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