Inquiry Name: Inquiry into VicRoads' Management of Country Roads

Mrs Mia Pithie

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I am concerned that VicRoads is not following multiple guidelines or laws with the Western Highway upgrade. They are not following road-making guidelines of minimizing collateral damage to the landscape. They are not demonstrating leadership, nor following international best practice guidelines. They are ignoring/breaking federal laws that protect flora and fauna. They are not engaging with local populations to find the best compromise. They are not minimizing the cost of construction, and in fact are wasting tax payer dollars, which could be used to extend the distance of the upgrade towards the S.A. Border. They are managing their construction permits poorly or even illegally, having allowed one to expire. They ignore independent expert advice because it does not serve their purposes. The environmental offsets they have purchased are geographically remote from the environment damaged, consequently the offset is vastly reduced in its effectiveness. VicRoads is not accountable to any authority for any errors of any part of its road management. Whether it is in the planning stages or the execution stages: if something goes wrong there are no negative consequences for VicRoads, they issue an apology, offer some lip service, and continue on, unchanged. It's funding remains secure, its employees retain their jobs and their contractors still make their millions. Please feel free to contact me if you require further information regarding any detail of this submission.

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