Inquiry Name: Inquiry into VicRoads' Management of Country Roads

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A regular user of local roads around the Western District of Victoria, I am appalled at the poor and unsafe conditions of our roads. Seems to me the maintenance done is purely 'band-aid repair instead of upgrading the roads to cater for the large amount of trucks whose gross weight can be as much as 62 tonne. However, all vehicles, bicycles, motor bikes, buses cars and trucks of all sizes are suffering with huge chunks gouged out of the road, especially the Portland to Nelson road and vehicles are sustaining damage as are people who can lose control of their vehicle. Other main roads out of Portland, to Hamilton and also to Warrnambool have also suffered critical damage. Seems the Government didn't make allowances for the trucks who would be freighting to the Portland harbour. sometimes 24 hours a day. Also our tourist industry is also suffering as caravanners and boaters go elsewhere rather than risk damage to their vehicles. Having lived in Melbourne for a time, I understand the need for more roads and maintenance, but once more they failed to allow for the growth of population. But we country folk rely on our roads just as much as city folk, if not more. At least city folk have public transport, with buses and trains arriving every five minutes. Our public transport is limited to bus to Warrnambool 2-3 times a day. The Western District is a valuable area with its farming, and other industries. We need reliable roads to get our products to markets and also the harbour. I hope I am one of many who feel deeply as I do about the state of our roads.

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