Inquiry Name: Inquiry into VicRoads' Management of Country Roads

Mr David Webb

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As a truck driver in the South West Victorian region driving B doubles carting wood chip I decided a couple of years ago that it was no longer safe to drive at the posted 100 kph on the roads in this area. It occurs to me that the lead time for Vic roads repairs is incredibly long with some areas which are hazardous for vehicles being untouched except for a warning sign for as long as I have been in Portland (over 6 years). Vic roads does not seem to prioritise work effectively recently ripping and replacing a perfectly good stretch of road on the northern exit of Portland when just a few Km's away there are/were places that it is not safe to travel at half the posted speed limit. There are kilometers of road that have road hazard signs placed every couple of hundred meters or so and other places where the road hazard signs indicate a minor bump when other hazardous patches are un-marked. Without effective local inspectors with the ability to respond to urgent requirements in a timely manner Vic roads is creating death traps for regional areas. So many times when work is done on the roads the quality is so poor that within a week the same potholes are re-forming. And when we get into the warmer months the bitumen melts in temps not much over 30 deg. Obviously the mix is not suitable for an area that regularly sees temperatures over 40 deg,

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