Inquiry Name: Inquiry into VicRoads' Management of Country Roads

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SUBMISSION CONTENT:

It will not matter if Vic roads or council take care of country roads, it will be a less than ideal job.
Vic roads, although takes care of highways well, leaves other adjacent roads left worse for ware. Patch up jobs, and reduced speed limits seem to be the norm.
The road I live on has seen increased traffic since the closure of the highway at morwell a few years ago (maybe 7 years?), it was then that locals and tourists discovered 'the back way'. Add to that the road works now between traralgon and sale, has also seen an influx of traffic, especially trucks.
We recently had a 4km approx, stretch of road resealed, on our 20km long road, but not widened, not large potholes even filled elsewhere, and it honestly seemed like a token gesture.
In saying that, road maintenance given to council would not help our situation. This road falls between 2 councils (wellington/Latrobe). We pay decent rates only to not have a bin service, no gas, and we are the only home with a fair few km either side that has town water (which we have to maintain the line). Adding another service to a council will only increase rates, and make sure amenities like gas & water will only take longer to even potentially be put on the table.

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File2:

File3: