Submission to Parliamentary Inquiry into VicRoads Management of Country Roads

By Robert Nichol

- Cheap improper road construction causing highways example the Princes, to be rutted and potholed by heavy transport trucks etcetera, shortly after surface/roadway renewal.

- Inequality of road construction between South west and other regions of the state. The Princes Highway West has been a hazardous road for many years and with aggressive tail gating by transport truck drivers who are attempting to enforce a mandatory 100 k.p.h. when it is not always safe or possible. Better management by patrol officers and funding may help avoid this.

- Heavy and double B transport trucks have spread to many roads and sometimes they are using said roads as shortcuts and obviously everywhere double b trucks destroy roads not capable of carrying their loads.

- There appears to be no consideration of the just how much rain we get in the winter when maintaining and planning our roads. After it rains potholes appear even on main roads and the answer is always a lick of tar and a shovel of hotmix some of which has to be removed from my car.

- Does anyone realise international visitors travel on our substandard South West roads and then return home to tell their horror tales. Roads in this area must be improved to help our struggling regions businesses and to thus increase employment.

- The number of fatal road accidents compared to our population must not be ignored by your inquiry. The condition of the roads as well as enforcement of the road law is an important step towards reducing this tragic issue.

- Long term use of both road signage and speed restrictions in place of maintenance is sloppy, dangerous and completely unacceptable on highways and main roads.

- Because of the wet winters the drains at the sides of our roads and highways must be maintained on a regular basis to allow the rain water to get away quickly and not undermine our already shocking roads.

Thank you

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