

Fix Country Roads – Save Country Lives

Country roads are in desperate need of hundreds of millions of dollars for basic maintenance and upgrades.

Let's hope the much heralded new era of cooperative federalism will see country Victorians and visitors to country Victoria provided with safe roads on which to travel.

Some key roads in the Electorate of Benalla which urgently need upgrading include:

- The Tatong/Benalla road which is used by B double log trucks from daylight to dusk. Many sections of the road are very narrow necessitating oncoming vehicles to go off the bitumen onto gravel to pass the log trucks. This can result in serious accidents especially if the bitumen shoulders and gravelled sections have not been properly maintained due to inadequate funds.
- The Witt Street/Old Hume Highway intersection desperately needs a roundabout to safely cope with the large number of trucks and general traffic. The roundabout would ask about \$400,000 and should be a top priority for Grey Spot funding – none of which has found its way into North East Victoria yet.
- Creighton's Creek Road in Strathbogie Shire is another death trap – narrow and with grossly uneven surfaces. It is totally inadequate to meet the needs of the growing population in the Strathbogie Shire to safely travel for daily activities such as shopping and medical appointments. It is a death trap.

I call on the Minister for Roads to fix these country roads to save country lives.