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**Subject:** Allan Wightman submission.

Hello my name is Allan Wightman.

I have a beach house in Rye and I travel on the Mornington Peninsula Freeway on a monthly basis and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 I drove down to Rye in the heavy rain through the Saturday night and it didn't rain on the Sunday but on the 4<sup>th</sup> December it was raining heavily on my return trip and I went under the Lonsdale St bridge at 10.30pm at night and I ran into a massive puddle of slurry under the bridge and out on the freeway and it caused me to slide and I pulled over to check my car and I called the police on 000 to advise them of the problem for the traffic and the female police officer asked me whether the bridge was falling down. I stated NO but the traffic/road conditions were extremely dangerous. On this Saturday there was a 1 x 40kms sign put in place.

I put my hazard lights on to check my car and to check all the lights were working from the emergency lane I was in and I had a strong torch which I shone in front of my car and I discovered a dangerous part of the road had washed away and it had a drop off of 8 to 10 inches straight into a gutter.

My main thought was the extremely dangerous road and the culvert that had appeared with this amount of rain.

I contacted VIC ROADS a couple of days later to report the hazardous road. I also explained that the speed signs that was left out on the Saturday should have more than 1 sign.

I received a fault number from VICROADS on that day.

In March 2024 I contacted VICROADS again as the hazardous road (emergency lane) had not been fixed and was still a danger to all motorists that need to stop in that area.

In June 2024 I contacted VICROADS again to state the road was still not repaired. I also spoke to 3AW to the morning program to complain about that part of the road.

In September 2024 I contacted VICROADS again to state that the road was still not repaired.

After 12 months I contacted VICROADS again and was told they didn't have a fault number and to start the process again.

I wrote to the Department of Transport and Planning on the 22nd January 2025. The minister is Gabrielle Williams. I also wrote to the Mornington Peninsula Shire and the Ombudsman with

my information about the water cascading down McCrae for the 13 months approximately before the landslide happened

How many cars have been damaged there because of the water inflow/ wash away erosion?

Perhaps this could be a contributing factor of the McCrae landslide and the ongoing erosion from the Mornington Freeway.

The road was not fixed by Easter 2025 and I have no answers from Gabrielle Williams (Dept of Planning and Transport) .

I contacted/phoned the Ombudsman and they contacted the Dept of Planning and Transport and I did receive a letter from Nicole Walker but all the details were incorrect and nothing had been done.

The ombudsman contacted me today (Marisher was the person's name) and the Dept of Planning and Transport will look at the fault in September 2025.

There is definitely water erosion/absorption on both sides of the freeway. On both sides of the freeway.

My name is Allan Wightman

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