

## **Harvey Dinelli – November SEATS Presentation**

### **Regional Roads Strategy**

Victoria's regional roads support key industries like agriculture, freight and tourism and connect people to places delivering services including health, education, employment, retail, and recreation.

There has not been a regional roads strategy for over 20 years. We need a strategy for regional roads in the short, medium and long term that will move Victoria away from ad hoc road network improvements, towards a more coordinated approach to network planning and investment and where roads and rail work together to get people and goods where they need to go.

To help identify and meet the needs of regional Victorians, the Victorian Government is developing a Regional Roads Strategy and Action Plan that will set out priorities for the regional road network, guiding planning and investment for the short, medium and long term.

The strategy will help plan, manage, build and maintain an efficient, integrated and safe road network for regional Victoria. At the same time, the Victorian Government is developing the Victorian Freight Plan.

A new freight plan will outline the Victorian Government's future policy, regulatory and infrastructure initiatives.

These initiatives will aim to:

- reduce the cost of doing business;
- improve the efficiency and sustainability of moving freight;
- provide future capacity; and
- better connect Victorian businesses with their local, interstate and export markets.

There is currently a discussion paper available and submissions /responses can be provided to [transport.projects@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:transport.projects@ecodev.vic.gov.au). A copy of the paper will be provided at the November 2017 meeting