

What is it?

Ongoing sustainability and increased eligibility of funding for roads and bridges

Why it's important

Increasing volumes of produce are being transported. However, many roads and bridges across the Shire of Campaspe are deteriorating, resulting in speed restrictions, weight load restrictions and increased safety risk.

Current funding streams are important and have allowed for significant investment and improvements to critical road networks. However, uncertainly of the long term funding sustainability impacts availability of contractors and prices charged.

Changes to program eligibility criteria have also restricted Council's ability to remediate bridges, impacting the entire network.

Non-road agencies (Goulburn Murray Water) also have significant infrastructure within road reserves which impacts network capacity. These agencies are currently ineligible to access funding programs.

What we're seeking

- 1. Ongoing sustainability of funding through:
- Local Roads to Market Program, and
- Roads to Recovery Program.
- 2. Changes to the eligibility for the Local Roads to Market Program to include government agencies with infrastructure within roads.
- 3. Changes to the Bridges Renewal Program eligibility criteria to be extended beyond only wooden bridges.

