

## Qld and N.T. Governments will place restrictions on our road due to damage caused by the 'Wet Season'

This is a poor indictment on the quality and standard of road construction carried out on all Australian roads by our Main Roads engineers and road constructing authorities, roads in this country are not built to a standard that allows traffic to flow regardless of what rain falls, our roads are built to a price and the penny pinching is showing its head every year.

The concept of an all-weather road is lost on our road constructing authorities, the design for new roads being built by schoolboy engineers who can't be told the methods they are using don't work and are a disaster and when their design fails no one is held accountable, the money is wasted.

The wet season has barely started and already the road surfaces around the country falling apart, industry and commerce are crippled by road closures and weight restrictions that will set back the economy of the country at a time when we least need it, remember the 'wet season' still has about three months to go, won't the road transport industry be in great shape by then.

Roads being constructed today are like big sponges that soak up water instead of repelling it or better still being made impervious to water ingress, but it's too easy for Governments and Bureaucrats to blame the trucks when the roads fall apart, the amazing thing is it's never the Governments fault.

I believe that the methods used are in need of a revamp, maybe instead of going overseas to see how other countries apply transport laws maybe they should be checking out how they build decent roads, then spend some time bring our roads up to American or better still European standards, sorry I forgot you can't expect common sense from this lot, just get into the blame game, Governments and Bureaucrats never find solutions they just create excuses and problems.

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