

24th July 2023

Dear Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer.

I am writing on behalf of many of the land owners of Corio Rd, Hunwick Rd and Norton Rd, Torbay, who have finally had enough of the condition of the gravel road surface, drainage and dangerous crests and dips. After representations to the Council through our local representatives last year, the Works Manager organised for granite aggregate to be spread on the most slippery sections and this has prevented cars sliding off into the mud this year. We have noticed that the City has erected a permanent sign at the southern end of Corio to warn drivers of the hazardous conditions of the surface. We take this as a temporary acceptance of our concerns regarding this busy feeder road.

See below



This road is a stock transport and a road-train milk tanker route through to Norton Rd, Redmond and Mt Barker. The amount of traffic, especially trucks, has increased with the subsequent damage to the gravel surface occurring on a consistent basis. Grading a few times a year by the City does provide a semblance of safety and control for a week or so but during the winter months nothing can be done except asphalt sealing and improved drainage to maintain a safe surface. Severe corrugations and potholes cause damage to vehicles.

Chronic dust problems during dry periods cause frustration to housing on the western side of the road.

One of the other main dangers are the three narrow crests, which are potentially deadly, only one of which had a sign that has been lying in the gutter for years. One dip is a disaster when the water flows across the road. The culvert is too small and is blocked. How this road has not been a priority to upgrade has left many of us wondering what the criteria has to be to make a busy road safe. This road should be all weather.

The pics attached show the three crests and the condition of sections of the road. Vehicles have no alternative but to weave and often drive on the wrong side of the road to avoid the deep holes.

We sincerely request that the City supports us, and the truck drivers, with the rapid rise of Corio Road to the top of the list in surface upgrades. This project should be Stage One and the upgrading of Hunwick Rd between Corio and Norton Roads should be Stage Two. Stage Three would then be Norton Rd to Redmond West Rd to complete the truck and car-route.

Please find an attachment of signatures of the concerned residents. Thanks for your time and please contact any of us for information.

Best regards,

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Crests 1, 2 and 3.





Deep potholes on long sections of the road.







Sign found lying in the gutter. There should be signs on each crest.
















Drainage work required



The road has recently been graded however too much organic matter is pushed into the gravel creating further degradation of the underlying surface.



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