

# Road Safety



## PREVENTING MUD ON ROADS

Lockyer Valley Region has a road network of over 1400 kilometres, 32 bridges and more than 2700 culverts spanning a combination of rural and urban areas.

Many of our roads support and service the farming sector with both agricultural and livestock production being major economic contributors to the region.

The region also attracts a growing number of tourists from the local area and beyond including many visitors who come to view the rich farming areas and landscapes that the Lockyer Valley is known for.

**Maintaining a balanced road safety and maintenance approach that supports both the farming sector and general road users is a high priority for Council and the community.**

Mud on roads presents a significant risk to road users by changing the road surface dynamics such as grip and consistency.

For example, vehicles entering corners and encountering clods or mud have potential to lose control with tragic results. Motorcycle riders face increased risks.

**Liability for accidents such as these could be attributed to any combination of:**

- **The business or landholder responsible for the mud**
- **The driver of the vehicle responsible for the mud**
- **The relevant road authority**

To improve road safety, Council calls on the Region's farmers and contractors to be vigilant in ensuring that all vehicles entering the road network have been adequately cleaned.

Council is confident that vehicle operators will be able to determine the methods most appropriate for their individual circumstances, with the goal of keeping the Region's roads as safe as possible.

While Council has the authority to enforce cleaning of roads and/or to recover the costs of undertaking road cleaning, it is preferred that with the cooperation of the Region's operators no such action will be required.

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