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Media Release – Last on the road to better roads

Like many residents in the Isaac area, Member for Burdekin, Dale Last MP, has had to come up with an alternative route when it comes to roads.

Mr Last has been fighting for upgrades to critical roads and, while he has had some successes, he'd hatched a plan to bring the issue directly to the attention of senior decision makers.

"Some of the roads that people are expected to use are beyond description," he said. "So, I invited the Director-General of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to join me on a tour so he could see, and feel, them for himself."

"The Director-General has advised that he's unable to do the tour this year and suggested I meet with senior staff in the regional office. If they think they are getting off that easy, they don't understand how important this issue is."

"Describing these roads or even showing photos and videos simply doesn't do justice to the people that depend on them. Until you have driven on them, you really don't understand how rough they are for the driver and the vehicle."

Mr Last said the roads issue was one that was brought up "nearly every day" and that he felt he had a duty to get something done about them.

"We've had emergency vehicles put out of action and school buses unable to run due to the condition of these roads," he said. "It might sound extreme, but the roads are literally having a negative effect on our future generation and could easily contribute to lives being lost."

"Like a lot of the issues in regional Queensland, you have to see it with your own eyes. I hope the TMR staff in the regional office are ready for a road trip because I won't accept anything less."

"Of course, there is an open invitation for the Minister to get out of Brisbane and come and experience these roads for himself. I somehow doubt that will happen though."

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