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Media Release – Two out of ten IS bad!

The fact that two roads in his electorate have been included in the RACQ's "Top 10 Most Unroadworthy Roads" survey results justifies his demands for increased funding according to Member for Burdekin, Dale Last.

With the Kilcummin Diamond Downs Road ranked equal 4th and the May Downs Road ranked equal 6th, Mr Last said he was hopeful the condition of the two roads may finally be taken seriously.

"It really rubs salt into the wounds when an area that contributes so much to the Queensland economy is home to two of the state's worst roads," Mr Last said. "It's blatantly obvious that these roads have been neglected for far too long."

"Both of those roads are not just uncomfortable, they are dangerous, but both are continually overlooked when it comes time to allocate funding. Neither road carries a huge amount of traffic but the people that travel those roads include the very people that added more than \$82 Billion to the Queensland economy in the 2019-20 financial year¹."

Mr Last said that, in addition to the safety issues the roads posed, they were also economic and education effects.

"Those two roads are damaging vehicles, shredding tyres and leading to cracked windscreens every single day," he said. "The Kilcummin Diamond Downs road is so bad that, at one stage, the school bus refused to travel along it to pick up students."

"It's fair to say that those roads are putting extra pressure on the families that use them in every possible way. Every time they travel along them, they are wondering if the price they will pay will be for repairs to their vehicle or, and I hate to say it, whether they will pay with their life."

"To have two of Queensland's worst roads in what is, geographically, a small area of the state highlights that, for too long, roads in regional Queensland have been overlooked and that needs to change."

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