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**To:** [Flood Inquiry](#)  
**Subject:** Flood emergency: Pitt Town  
**Date:** Wednesday, 29 June 2022 10:38:11 PM  
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To whom it may concern,

Firstly, I will start by expressing that so many residents of our community do not have the time to compose long emails detailing the dire situation in the Hawkesbury. The voice of few that area aware of the flood inquiry are speaking for thousands.

I write to you to express my concern for the safety of residents of **Pitt Town**.

Old Pitt Town Road is the **only evacuation route** for **thousands of residents of Pitt Town**.

Currently, the road is quite literally falling to pieces. I am having **extreme difficulty** in getting Hawkesbury Council to perform upgrades to the road, which serves as the **only evacuation route**, even though I am told State gov't funding is approved. (Please see below images in email thread.)

On the 2nd of March this year, we received a deluge of rain causing widespread **flash flooding** as well as river rising and **major flooding**. This closed the only remaining evacuation route for Pitt Town- Airstrip Road, (see image) which traffic then travels on to Old Pitt Town Road to continue the evacuation.

It was not until residents had to wait for emergency services to arrive, find the key and unlock the gate that to the **bush track** at the end of Old Stock Route Road. (Which is at a higher and safe flood level) This serves as the "evacuation route". Damage was caused to the track in the March 22 flood, this has still not been repaired. Should the **5,450 residents living** in Pitt Town all need to evacuate in this emergency at the same time, the roads will fall apart.

(Please take a good look at this map to properly understand the geography of the area. "Way out" is along a ridge of sorts. And everything either side is low and floods).

I write because we are just around the corner from another possible major flood. The previous two floods did not even come close to the other higher major floods that occur regularly in the Hawkesbury. If we were to experience **the 1-100 year flood, thousands of residents will be trapped, with no evacuation route and lives will be lost.**

It's a simple fix.

**Fix the road, seal it properly.**

Do not lock the gate.

When the river rises, it happens too quickly! People will be trapped and it will be catastrophic. Why should this be an issue? Let's fix it and save lives!

Summary:

- More rainfall is around the corner, great possibility of a major flood.

- The road is falling to pieces and is already **UNSAFE**.

- Should the **5,450 residents living** in Pitt Town all need to evacuate in this emergency at the same time, the roads will fall apart to a point that they will be useless. They are gravel & dirt. Rain + bad road = mud. Mud does not = good evacuation route. Simple.

\*\* 5,450 residents, approx 2.6 people per household and 1 car per household.

**This means 2000 cars need evacuate along this road in possibly an hour if it is flash flooding + major flood. Imagine if it's dark also?**

-Elderly, men, women and children will be trapped in rising flood waters.

- Emergency services will not be able to get in.

-Flood Systems sewerage will not be able to be emptied and all of this will pour into the river causing months & months worth of cleanup.

Please listen to this warning before it is too late.

Kind Regards,

Begin forwarded message:

**From:**

**Date:** 1 March 2022 at 4:27:42 pm AEDT

**To:**

**Cc:**

**Subject: FW: Old Pitt Town Rd (Pitt Town & Oakville)**

Hawkesbury City Council

Dear

I write to make representations on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_,  
Pitt town NSW 2756 concerning Old Pitt Town Road.

This seems to be a long running issue.

Does Council have the road listed for significant maintenance? And  
are you able to make the necessary repairs to the sections of road  
described below by Ms Cook?

Yours sincerely

**SUSAN TEMPLEMAN MP**  
Federal Member for Macquarie

*We acknowledge the Darug, Gundungurra and Darkinung peoples who are the traditional owners of the lands and waters upon which we work. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging, thank them for their custodianship of country, and commit to meaningful reconciliation with our nation's First Peoples.*

Electoral communications authorised by Susan Templeman, Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch), Sydney. Other communications are not authorised by Susan Templeman and do not necessarily reflect her views or positions.

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**From:**

**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 March 2022 10:29 AM

**To**

**Subject:** Old Pitt Town Rd (Pitt Town & Oakville)

Attention all,

I am writing to you today regarding the current atrocious state of Old Pitt Town Road, Between Boundary Road, Oakville, all the way through to Pitt Town Sports Club, Pitt Town.

I have spent much of my time submitting forms via the council's roads reporting process to have areas of this road repaired. Unfortunately, there are just too many issues to continue to report daily. See below photos of examples:

These were located in a safe place for me to stop and take photos. (There are **many more** located in more precarious locations)

Unfortunately, the solution seems to be to simply throw some asphalt into the pot holes and pat it down. Of course, this washes out with the next rain.

The second method is **some quick patch work**, which causes more problems because the state of the road is beyond repairing with small patches & *fails again because it is not completed properly.*

2018:

July 2021:

I spent an hour this morning documenting areas of the road in need of repair. Can I suggest you take a drive on it yourself? Take note of how cars have no choice but to swerve dangerously into oncoming traffic to avoid huge craters.

I cannot explain this more clearly or more bluntly, someone is going to lose their life on this road. Another clip from my own cctv below. A collision right outside my front gate! This is infuriating because I have contacted council on numerous occasions, this could have been my child instead of a tree!



So again today, I request that Hawkesbury Council attend to Old Pitt Town Rd for resurfacing, please. If Council cannot spare funding, an application must be submitted and followed through with to secure desperately needed state funding. We must repair the ONLY FLOOD EVACUATION ROUTE OUT OF PITT TOWN.

I appreciate your time on this matter.





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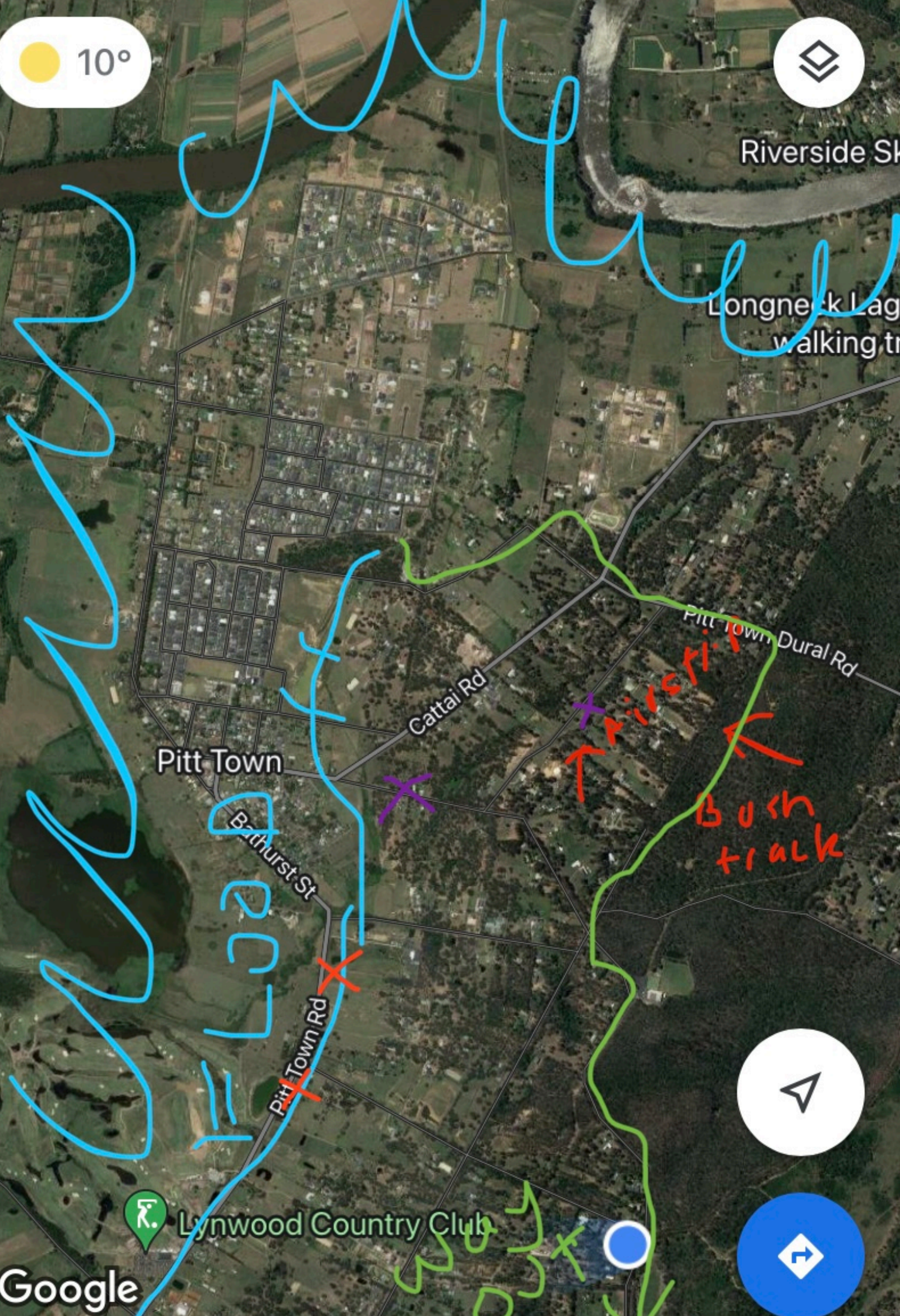
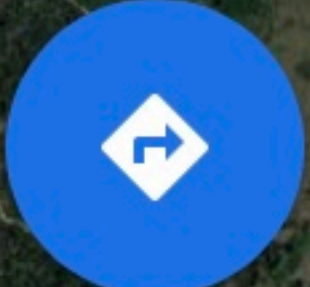
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## Heavy Rainfall Expected

The Bureau of Meteorology is predicting a very high (90%) chance of showers in the coming days. The chance of rainfall between 40-100mm is expected in the next few days

 Now is the time to start preparing. Know your weather, know your risk. <https://bit.ly/3EexHoQ>



1960	Warragamba Dam built
1961 Nov	14.95
1962 Jan	8.56
1963 Apr	8.68
1963 Jun	8.94
1963 Aug	9.57
1964 Jun	14.57
1967 Aug	8.94
1969 Nov	10.21
1974 Apr	8.66
1974 May	10.43
1974 Aug	9.6
1975 Jun	11.2
1976 Jan	9.37
1976 Mar	8.0
1977 Mar	8.91
1978 Mar	14.46
1978 Jun	9.7
1984 Jul	8.25
1986 Aug	11.35
1988 May	12.8
1988 Jul	10.89
1989 Apr	9.22
1990 Apr	8.74
1990 Aug	13.5
1992 Feb	11.1
2020 Feb	9.28
2021 Mar	12.93





# Flood Risk Management Strategy

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Records of major and moderate flooding in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley from 1799 to 2021

Record of moderate and major floods from 1799 to 2021 at the Hawkesbury River, Windsor. The table below describe the peak height the flood reached in metres above sea level.

Date	Level (metres)	Date	Level (metres)
1799 Mar	10.5	1870 Apr	14.14
1806 Mar	12.9	1870 May	11.24
1809 May	14.7	1870 Nov	8.47
1816 Jun	14.1	1871 May	11.67
1817 Feb	14.4	1871 May	8.5
1819 Mar	12.9	1873 Feb	13.1
1857 Jul	10.39	1873 Jun	9.02
1857 Aug	11.91	1874 Feb	8.74
1860 Feb	8.8	1875 Jun	12.28
1860 Apr	11.82	1877 May	9.62
1860 Jul	11.06	1877 Jul	8.56
1860 Nov	11.39	1878 Feb	8.5
1861 Apr	8.77	1879 Sep	13.62
1864 Jun	15.05	1889 May	12.15
1864 Jul	11.42	1890 Mar	12.28
1866 Jun	8.34	1891 Jun	11.24
1866 Jul	8.77	1892 Sep	8.5
1867 Apr	8.47	1893 Mar	9.05
1867 Jun	19.68	1894 Mar	10.14
1868 Feb	9.5	1895 Jan	9.72
1869 May	11.64	1898 Feb	10.08
1870 Mar	9.02	1899 Aug	8.56











# Old Pitt Town Road

Dear

Thank you for your emails dated 24 March 2021 regarding Old Pitt Town Road. Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding.

Your advice was directed to the attention of our maintenance staff who inspected and arranged various and necessary maintenance works to be carried out. A number of locations were identified as requiring heavy patching which has now been completed. Pothole repair works were also carried out at various locations by Council's staff on an on-going basis.

Council has applied for funding under the Australian Government's Black Spot Program for further works at a critical location, however formal approval for the funding is yet to be received.

It should be noted that an alternative funding source is also being sought from another Department of the Australian Government but again no guarantees if it would be successful. As you can see, we are trying and committed to addressing those sections of Old Pitt Town Road that may require additional and substantial works to further improve the condition of this road as requested.

If we can provide any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact [redacted] at your convenience during working hours on [redacted].

Your advice in relation to this matter is appreciated.





# Roads Reporting Form - Old Pitt Town Road

Dear \_\_\_\_\_, thank you for your roads report made through Council's online reporting form.

Your comments regarding the condition of Old Pitt Town Road between Scheyville Road and Pitt Town Sports Club have been noted.

Council has no current plans to reseal Old Pitt Town Road, Oakville. However arrangements have been made for an inspection of Old Pitt Town Road to be carried out and maintenance scheduled to repair potholes and/or edge bites which may be identified.

Thank you for your comments and interest in relation to this matter.

Regards,

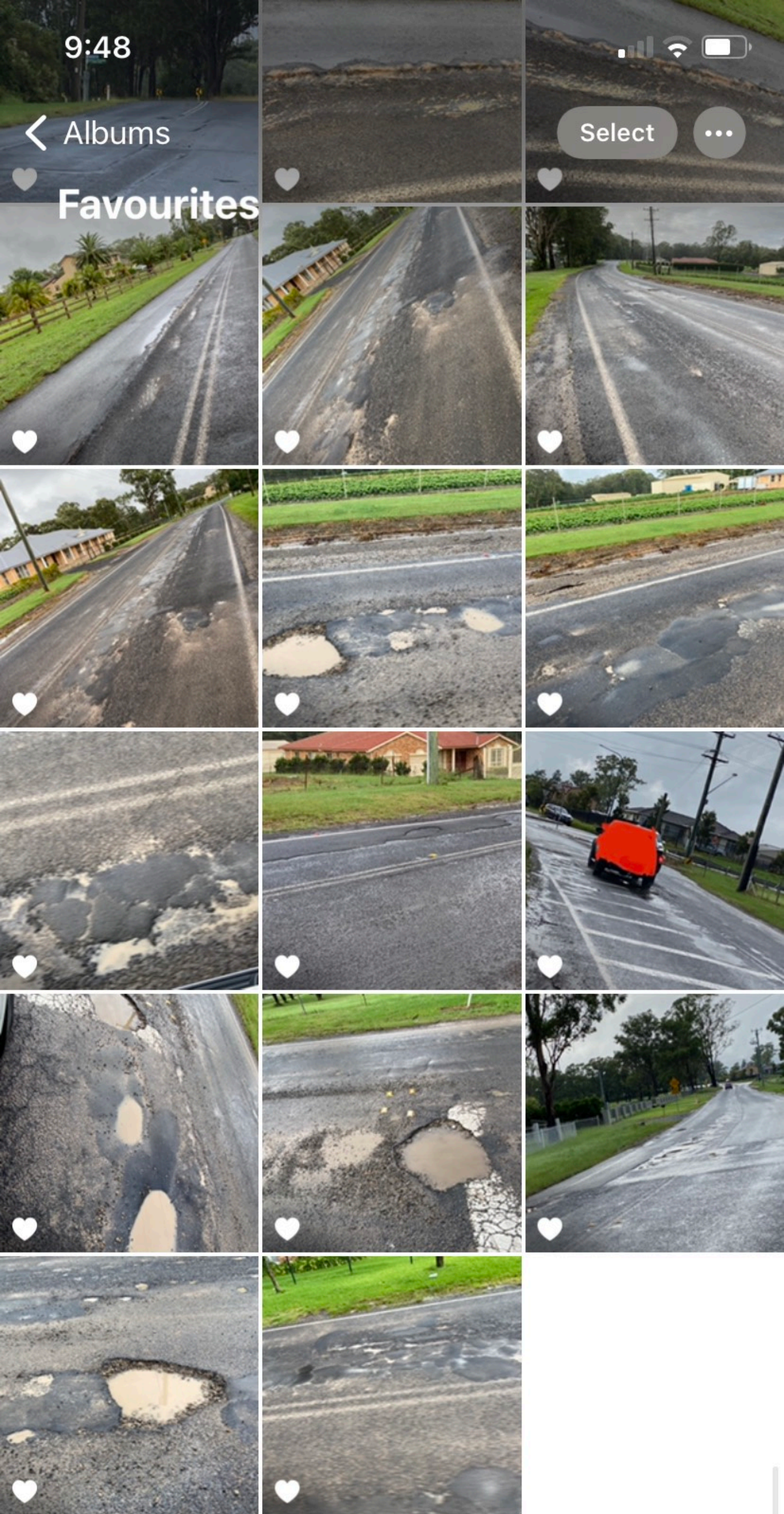


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