

## SAFETY BULLETIN

### Wet weather and Soft Ground

Due to the recent rainfall, much of Goulburn and the local district have received approximately 100mm of rain. Much of this rain fell steadily and has soaked into the ground, saturating the topsoil and subsoil layers.

This saturation of subsoil has also moved under many existing roads. Depending on the pavement depth and width, this will affect the roads carrying ability. Many roads can carry the weight of cars and 4x4's, with axle weights of around only one tonne, and an overall weight of approximately two tonnes. However, roads are struggling to carry trucks, and truck and dog combinations, which have axle weights over 9 tonne, and overall weights of approximately 50 tonnes.

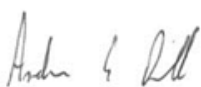
Over the coming weeks and months the topsoil layer may dry out, but it will take some time, maybe even until after winter, for the subsoil layers to dry out. Soil types do vary, and drying times will be shorter for some areas.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Care should be taken with ordering and delivery of products.
- Use a crowbar or reo-bar to test ground where trucks are to travel.
- Use same technique beside existing roadside and assume this same condition will be underneath the road.
- Where possible, backing the truck into the property to a desired or suitable location that products can then be ferried by smaller equipment, such as, a tractor, posi-track, wheelbarrow, or something similar.

If you do get bogged, please call your supervisor or the WHS Department for assistance. Do not attempt retrieval without assistance.

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