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Tzaneen Business Chamber's Rona McGaffin, Public Works MEC Ernest Rachoene, Agri Letaba's Naomi Excell, also representing Agri Limpopo and Tzaneen Business Chamber, RAL CEO Jacob Chesane, and Agri Limpopo member and farmer Willem van Jaarsveld.

# Roads in the spotlight

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Agri Limpopo, Agri Letaba, and the Tzaneen Chamber of Commerce recently met with Limpopo Public Works MEC Ernest Rachoene, Roads Agency Limpopo (Ral) CEO Jacob Chesane, and a full team of engineers to discuss the rapid deterioration and ongoing lack of maintenance of the province's

roads. The meeting focussed on four long-problematic routes: the Eiland Road (P43-3), George's Valley Road (R528), Swartwater-Maastroom Road (R572), and the R576. These roads have been flagged for repair repeatedly for more than a decade.

Several other severely degraded roads across Limpopo were also on the agenda.

The Department of Public Works

undertook to provide a detailed feedback report by the end of August.

Currently, the department manages 22 000 km of roads in the province. While designs for 84 road upgrade projects have been completed, the 2025-2026 budget will only fund the first phase, covering the construction or rehabilitation of just 5km on 21 selected roads.