

# STOP THE TOLLS

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# 10 REASONS TO STOP THE TOLLS

- 1. Higher prices** - it will hurt everybody as it will push up prices of everything transported on the highways, including food on which the poor are most dependent.
- 2. Jobs lost** - it will push up the costs of business, so companies will lay off workers or even move out of Gauteng.
- 3. Local roads will suffer** - many motorists will use municipal roads instead, increasing congestion and pushing up rates to pay for their maintenance.
- 4. No public transport alternative** - not enough attention has been paid to convenient, fast and cheap public transport in Gauteng.
- 5. Little public consultation** - these tolls were decided without real public consultation.
- 6. Expensive and complicated e-tolling system** - this system costs almost as much as the highways (R14 billion), and there will probably be lots of fraud and billing problems.
- 7. A tax on tax** - it is outrageous to pay 14% VAT on tolls which are a form of tax.
- 8. Car rental firms will be hit** - the average car renter will pay an extra R32 a day, which will hit tourism.
- 9. No transparency** - much information on costs is still being kept secret, including the terms of the controversial e-tolling contract with a foreign company.
- 10. One tax too many** - it's enough, everything is going up and this is one tax too many!

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