

THE 2007 TRANSPORT DEBATE

IS THERE A FUTURE FOR TOLL ROADS AFTER PEAK OIL?



Many commentators predict that world oil prices will rise sharply as the supply of cheap readily-available oil becomes more limited.

Over the last 20 years, Australia's three biggest cities have developed substantial tollway networks with a strong reliance on private sector investment. Many of these facilities have concessions lasting 40 years from now – well into the timeframe of peak oil.

Will private car travel become an unaffordable luxury? How will toll road ownership be affected? Is there a future for toll roads after peak oil?

The Victorian Transport Branch of Engineers Australia and the Institute of Transportation Engineers Australia & New Zealand are proud to present a debate on this topical issue.

Date Wednesday 24 October 2007
Time 5:00 for 5:15pm
Cost Free
Venue Department of Infrastructure Theatrette
Level 29, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by email to chair@transportbranch.org by Monday 22 October

Drinks, nibbles and post-debate conversation will be held at a nearby venue following the debate at 6:15pm.

Facilitator

- **Ken Davidson** – columnist with *The Age* and co-editor of *Dissent* magazine

Debaters for the affirmative

- **Dr John Cox** – transport consultant and author of *Refocusing Road Reform and Roads in the Community*
- **Brian Negus** – General Manager Public Policy Department, RACV

Debaters for the negative

- **Dr Patrick Moriarty** – Honorary Research Associate, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Monash University and researcher for Centre for Governance and Management of Urban Transport (GAMUT), University of Melbourne
- **Cr Janet Rice** – Chair of the Metropolitan Transport Forum, Victorian Local Governance Association Vice President, City of Maribyrnong Councillor

