



NEXT MEETING

7:30pm Wednesday 31st October

Hawthorn Library Meeting Room (behind the library)
584 Glenferrie Rd, Hawthorn 3122 [Multi Map Link]

Tram 16 stops nearby. Accessible from Glenferrie Station and Trams 70 & 75 on Riversdale Rd.

We are a small group of people just like you – so we welcome your support and involvement. Feel free to turn up on the day, but if you let us know you are coming we can bring the right amount of tea and biscuits!

AGENDA:

- Feedback from The Transport Debate on Toll Roads (see below)
- Federal Election Campaign – ASPO Wishlist and Progress
- Briefing your MP and updates from letters already sent

Suggestions for new topics and activities are welcome.

EVENTS

5pm Wednesday 24th October

The 2007 Transport Debate:
Is there a future for toll roads after peak oil?

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MEDIA COVERAGE

[Fuel price kept in check by strong dollar](#)

Orietta Guerrero
The Age
October 17, 2007

[A Crude Awakening](#)

Paul Syvret
Brisbane Courier Times
September 25, 2007

[Fuel for thought](#)

Daniel Lewis
Sydney Morning Herald
September 4, 2007

A car-free city centre by 2030

The Age

September 9, 2007

Otway delivers first gas

Upstream Online

September 17, 2007

The long-delayed Otway Gas project off south-east Australia has flowed first export gas, operator Woodside said today .

After Iraq, no one should bank on cheap oil

September 18, 2007

ABOUT ASPO AUSTRALIA

The Association for the Study of Peak Oil is a diverse network of people working to reduce our oil vulnerability. You can read the aims we adopted in Melbourne here:

http://www.aspo-australia.org.au/docs/Melbourne/ASPO_Melbourne_Aims.pdf

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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

