

CEO UPDATE

In around four months from now, South Africans will head to the polls on 4 November to elect the leaders who will shape our cities, towns and municipalities for the next five years.

The months ahead will bring no shortage of promises. We will hear commitments and plans to improve service delivery, fix infrastructure, strengthen governance and restore public trust.

Yet many South Africans have heard these promises before.

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THIS IS WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MADE POSSIBLE

Every court challenge. Every investigation. Every whistleblower protected. Every victory against corruption and maladministration.

OUTA's latest Annual Report reflects a year of standing up for South Africans and holding power accountable.

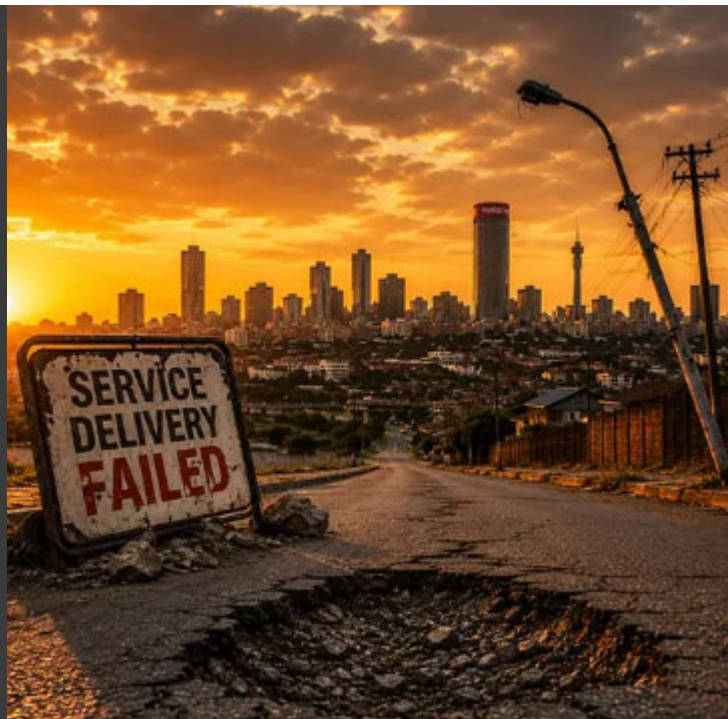
These aren't just OUTA's achievements. They're yours too.

[Read the annual report](#)

RESIDENTS CANNOT KEEP PAYING FOR MUNICIPAL FAILURE

Across South Africa, residents are paying more while receiving less. We believe local government reform will fail unless politicians, officials and councillors are held accountable for the collapse of municipal governance. The era of making residents pay for government failure must end.

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JOHANNESBURG'S ELECTRICITY CRISIS ISN'T OVER

Reports of an agreement between Eskom and the City of Johannesburg may have brought temporary relief.

But the threat of electricity interruptions remains.

We believe paying residents should never become collateral damage in a dispute created by government failures.

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INSETA BOARD PUSHES BACK AGAINST MINISTERIAL INTERFERENCE

The battle over governance at INSETA has escalated dramatically. After suspending CEO Gugu Mkhize, the board is now threatening legal action against Higher Education Minister Buti Manamela, arguing that he has no legal authority to order her reinstatement.

We believe this is about more than one CEO. It's about accountability, governance and whether political power can override independent oversight.

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STUDENTS ARE PAYING THE PRICE FOR POOR OVERSIGHT

The Auditor-General has placed the NSFAS student accommodation system under the spotlight.

We welcome the investigation and believe students deserve answers about how billions of rand are being spent.

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E-TOLLS - GOVERNMENT FINALLY ADMITS REALITY

More than a decade after e-tolls were introduced, government has finally acknowledged what South Africans knew years ago.

The debt cannot be collected.

The chapter may be closing, but the lessons should not be forgotten.

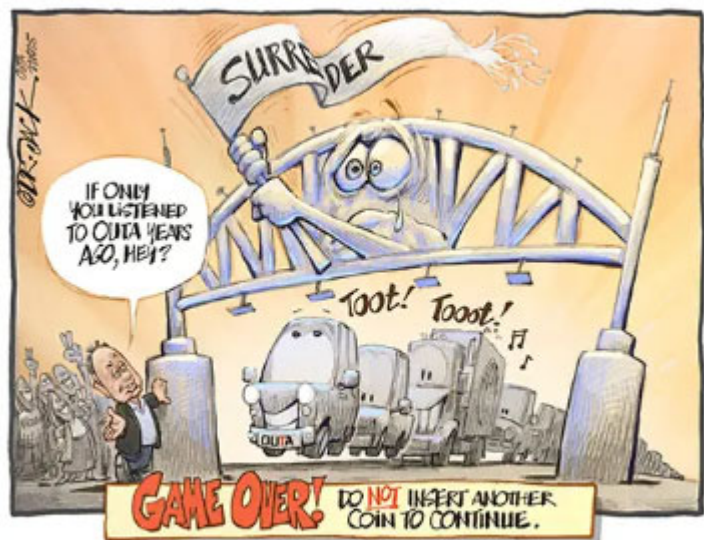
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Game Over.

Government has finally admitted what South Africans knew all along: e-tolls had failed. The write-off of outstanding e-toll debt closes the chapter on a policy that citizens rejected from the start. It's a hard-earned victory that proves when people unite, challenge bad decisions and refuse to back down, change is possible.



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**Every share, every conversation and every donation helps
OUTA continue exposing corruption, challenging
maladministration and pushing for accountability where it
matters most.**

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