



Efficient, enough said



NOT A GAS GUZZLER: The Citroën C3 HDi got the writer to Durban and back on a mere whiff of fuel.

for the feelings of ordinary working people, of electoral arrogance. The government's decision to suspend a decision on the final tolling rates until after the election is suspicious.

Seemingly simple things can trigger the greatest anger. I predict a riot. The ANC may have overlooked the potential repercussions of constantly hiking the burden on SA's working people, but when I was faced with a trip to Durban the other day I didn't make the same mistake. I was all too aware that 1 250km of brilliant, Sanral-operated N3 could be a

costly affair in fuel and tolls. So I took a little Citroën C3 HDi, a small car with a small 1,6-litre diesel motor. The car used 4,4l/100km on the way down, and 5,0l/100km on the way back, driving at the speed limit with the cruise and climate control on. I cannot express how mind-bogglingly good this is. I have never driven such an efficient car.

This car, on a 40l tank of diesel, was delivered to my house in Johannesburg. I did 1500km of running around. I then drove to Pietermaritzburg. The next day I drove to Durban.

Then I drove back to Pietermaritzburg. And only then did I fill it up. I put in R300 of diesel and, two days later, back in Johannesburg, I've still got a quarter of a tank.

And that's all I have to say about the Citroën C3 HDi.

Sure, it's a comfortable little thing and it's specced to the eyeballs for a small car. But that's not really what matters. What matters is that it is almost uncannily efficient. I'm thinking of asking Citroën to lend one to Ndebele, for the purposes of inspiration.

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