

Presenter: The Government has given the green light for the controversial N2 Toll Road stretching through the Wild Coast to go ahead, this despite objections from the non Governmental Organizations, Environmentalists, Local Communities and the Kwazulu-Natal Government. Cooperative Governance Minister; Sicelo Shiceka.

Sicelo Shiceka: We are saying the N2 Road is going ahead. We are going to ensure that those that are opposed to it must engage with us, that we will make sure that this thing goes ahead. We have heard that the Municipal Manager of Ethekewini Municipality; Dr Sutcliffe is opposed to that. We will engage with him or any other person. The NGO's if they are opposed to this thing, they must provide jobs for the people, but we believe that the Traditional Leaders and Traditional Communities they are supporting, they are behind this thing, it is going to go ahead!

Presenter: Reacting to the statement, Sustaining the Wild Coast Organization Spokesperson; John Clark said the Minister was being irresponsible.

John Clark: Irresponsible is a better word, very irresponsible. I mean if he just studies his history, I mean he's from that area, I understand. He must surely know that in 1960, his own people rose up against imposition of an apartheid Government; sort of a co-option of the chiefs into their grand scheme of apartheid. Several people were arrested, several people were executed. For him against the to come with the idea that; we are going to push this toll road ahead come hell or high water, is the bioscope type of attitude that was characteristic of the Nationalist Government of the past.