



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

The Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee invites all interested individuals and organisations to submit written views on the Transport (Scotland) Bill.

We encourage everyone to fill in a short anonymous online survey to share your views.

The survey can be accessed [here](#)

If you would like to submit detailed comments on the Bill, please send a written submission on any of the following parts of the Bill.

There are 6 Parts to this Bill. Please give us your views on any or all of these:

- **Part 1 of the Bill** enables the creation of **low emission zones** in Scotland which can be enforced, with the aim of improving air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This would restrict driving in certain areas by road vehicles which fail to meet emission standards.
- **Part 2 of the Bill - bus services.** This Part is intended to provide local transport authorities with options to improve bus services in their areas. This could include partnership working with operators, local franchising or running their own buses. Part 2 also aims to improve the information given to passengers.
- **Part 3 of the Bill - smart ticketing.** This Part would create a national technological standard for smart ticketing to assist the spread of smart ticketing across public transport in Scotland, and provide local transport authorities with further powers for smart ticketing arrangements and schemes.
- **Part 4 of the Bill - responsible parking.** This Part proposes to improve safety for roads users and pedestrians by prohibiting double parking and parking on pavements.
- **Part 5 of the Bill – road works.** This Part would strengthen the role of the Scottish Road Works Commissioner (SRWC) and improve the regulation of road works.
- **Part 6 of the Bill – Regional Transport Partnerships and Scotland’s canals.** This Part gives Regional Transport Partnerships (Transport Partnerships) more financial flexibility. It also allows Scottish Ministers to vary the membership and structure of the Scottish Canals Board.

You can also give your views on the following questions:

- **Human rights, equalities, etc.** Do you have any comments on the impact that the Bill may have in relation to the following:
 - human rights or equalities for any particular group of people?
 - sustainable development?
 - island communities?
- **Any other views:** Do you think the Bill as proposed will achieve its aims? Is there anything else that you feel should be included or excluded from the Bill?

You can give your view on some or all of these questions. Or you can focus your answer on other areas of interest to you or your organisation that are relevant to the Committee's work on this Bill.

How to submit your views

The call for written views will close on **Friday 28 September 2018**.

Before making a submission, please read our [privacy notice](#) about submitting your views to a Committee.

This tells you about how we process your personal data.

Please use the template provided on our website to format your submission. This includes the Data Protection Form. Fill this out and return it with your submission.

We welcome written views in English, Gaelic, Scots or any other language. Due to the time required to process and analyse evidence, late submissions will only be accepted with the agreement of the Committee.

Written responses should be sent **electronically, in the template format provided on the website. Ideally they should be no more than four sides of A4.**

Please send your submission to:

Transport.Bill.RECCommittee@parliament.scot

If you cannot submit electronically you may send in a hard copy written submission. If you are sending in a hard copy submission please print off and include a copy of the Data Protection Form. Please send them to:

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Should you require alternative formats of this information or further assistance in making a written submission to the Committee, please do not hesitate to contact the clerking team of the Committee.

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