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Dualling the A9: Petition PE1992

Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

Conversation Toolkit

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The Citizen Participation & Public Petitions Committee are considering a petition about the dualling of the A9. The petition calls for action to be taken on road safety concerns on this road. Click on the boxes below to rate & comment on suggestions for action based on evidence we've heard so far.

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Strategy for dualling the A9

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A National Memorial & Road Safety Measures

The petition raises issues about road safety measures and the need for a national memorial to those who have lost their lives on the A9. Read about, rate and comment



Impact on business and local economy

The Committee are keen to hear about the impact of road closures and delays to completing the dualling of the A9 between Perth and Inverness are having on business

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The Committee is considering a petition about the dualling of the A9. The petition calls for action to be taken on road safety concerns on this road.

MSPs on the Scottish Parliament's Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee are looking at the details of the petition and want to know what people think about issues related to the dualling of the A9.

The petition calls on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to deliver on the commitment it made in 2011, and address safety concerns on the A9 by:

- publishing a revised timetable and detailed plan for dualling each section;
- completing the dualling work by 2025; and
- creating a memorial to those who have lost their lives in road traffic incidents on the A9.

Sharing your views will help MSPs understand the key issues surrounding the petition.

How to use this Conversation Toolkit

We've set up a website where you, and any groups you work with, can let the Committee know what you think. The contributions made on the website will be shared with the Committee to help them with their ongoing work in this area.

This toolkit is designed to help you have conversations with groups you work with and then you can choose to:

- add them to the discussion website which can be accessed via: <https://engage.parliament.scot/community/9760>
- email a saved version of this conversation guide to pact@parliament.scot
- send in your suggestions manually: please print the relevant pages from this toolkit, fill in your suggestions, and return them to:

PACT, CG.01, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh EH99 1SP

Throughout the toolkit we have highlighted the main discussion points of the petition. You can then use the outcomes of your discussions to contribute to the discussion website.

You do not have to look at every discussion topic – you might only want to discuss one or two areas that are most important to you and the people you work with.

We have also included some information about the Committee which might be helpful to explain to people who the Committee is and what it does.

Name of individual / group:

Postcode:

Please choose the statement that best describes your situation (select one option)

- I / We travel on the A9 for Business
- I / We travel on the A9 as a Tourist
- I / We travel on the A9 as a Local Resident
- Other (write in):

How often do you use the A9?

- I / We use the A9 frequently
- I / We use the A9 occasionally
- Other (Write in):



About the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

Introduction to the Committee

The Committee focuses on:

- all public petitions submitted to the Parliament and determines if they meet the rules
- deciding what actions should be taken for all public petitions which meet the rules
- reviewing the operation of the public petitions system
- any other forms of public engagement the committee decides to undertake

The Committee is made up of five Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) from various political parties represented in the Parliament. More information about the Committee and its members can be found on the next page.

More information about Committees in the Scottish Parliament can be found in [this short video](#). A short video on how the petitions system at the Scottish Parliament can be [viewed here](#).

How the Committee works

Committee members work together to look at petitions by hearing from experts, organisations, and members of the public about the petition, the action it is calling for, and the impact it would have. The Committee then decides on what action should be taken. This could include asking for further information; referring the petition to another Scottish Parliament committee; or making recommendations to the Scottish Government about what should happen next.

Members of the Committee

Current Members



Jackson Carlaw

Convener

Party: **Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party**

MSP for: **Eastwood (Constituency)**



David Torrance

Deputy Convener

Party: **Scottish National Party**

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MSP for: **Lothian (Region)**



Fergus Ewing

Member

Party: **Scottish National Party**

MSP for: **Inverness and Nairn (Constituency)**



Maurice Golden

Member

Party: **Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party**

MSP for: **North East Scotland (Region)**

Share your views: Dualling the A9 Petition

The main discussion points of the petition are:

- **Strategy for dualling the A9**
- **Road safety measures on the A9**
- **National memorial to those who have lost their lives**
- **Impact on business and local economy**

Space is provided in the following pages for you to share your views on each of these discussion points.

Strategy for dualling the A9

We've heard that there are different ways in which dualling the A9 between Perth & Inverness could be done. But the fastest way of doing it – dualling multiple sections of the road at the same time – is likely to cause much more disruption.

Which of these statements best represents your view? (Select one option)

- Dualling the A9 should be done as quickly as possible, even at the cost of disruption while the work is completed.
- There needs to be a compromise between dualling the A9 quickly, and minimising disruption.
- Minimising disruption is the most important factor, even if this means it takes longer to complete the dualling of the road
- None of the above or Other (Please specify in the comment box below)

Your Comments

Please explain your reasons for the answer given above...

Visit: <https://engage.parliament.scot/group/29994> to enter views from your discussion.

Road safety measures on the A9

Transport Scotland have provided information to the Committee about road safety measures that have been put in place to help make the A9 safer ahead of the dualling project being completed. These measures include:

- enhanced road markings to help alert drivers when moving from their lane
- illuminated road studs
- improvements to the signage and road markings to increase driver awareness of the change from dual to single carriageway

In addition, two road safety campaigns have been launched, one focused on driver fatigue and another encouraging the “Drive on the Left” message. These campaigns reflect trends identified in fatal accidents on the A9 in 2022.

On a scale of 1 (least) to 5 (most), how far do you think these measures will improve road safety on the A9 during the period before dualling is completed?

Tell us more about your thoughts on these road safety measures and your priorities for improving road safety on the A9 using the comment boxes below.

Your rating

1

2

3

4

5

Your Comments...

Visit: <https://engage.parliament.scot/post/85905> to enter views from your discussion.

National memorial to those who have lost their lives

The petition calls for the creation of a memorial to those who have lost their lives in road traffic incidents on the A9.

The Petitioner sees this as a national memorial garden where the more than 300 people who have lost their lives on the A9 could be remembered.

Others have questioned whether it's appropriate to have a memorial to these accident victims, when those who have lost their lives on other roads are not similarly commemorated. There are also questions about where such a memorial would be located, and how it would be paid for.

On a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high), how important do you feel it is to create a memorial of the sort proposed?

Please tell us the reasons for your rating using the comment box below.

Your rating

Your Comments...

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Visit <https://engage.parliament.scot/post/85686> to enter views from your discussion.

Impact on business and local economy

The Committee are keen to hear about the impact road closures and delays to completing the dualling of the A9 between Perth and Inverness are having on businesses that rely on the A9 (e.g. for deliveries, or as the main access route for customers).

Share your views by answering the questions below:

What is the name of your business?

What sort of business do you have, and how dependent is it on the A9?

How much would your business benefit from completion of the project to dual the A9 between Perth and Inverness?

How much is your business adversely affected if traffic on the A9 is delayed or diverted (e.g. as a result of an accident or while dualling work is carried out)?

Visit: <https://engage.parliament.scot/group/29997> to enter views from your discussion.



Contact Us

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