

# Inquiry into A9 Dualling Project – John Mason MSP submission

## **Consultation on A9 Road Improvements**

I am writing to provide my input on the consultation regarding the A9 road improvements. As a seasonal traveller on this route, I believe that addressing certain key points can enhance the safety and convenience of the journey for all road users.

Firstly, I would like to emphasise the pressing need for proper service stations between Perth and Inverness. This critical stretch of the A9 is not only a vital transportation link but also a gateway to some of Scotland's most beautiful landscapes. Encouraging drivers to take regular breaks is essential for road safety, especially on long journeys. However, the current lack of service stations forces travellers to divert through attractive yet often congested towns like Pitlochry. By providing well-equipped service stations at strategic intervals, we can promote responsible driving habits and reduce the burden on these towns.

Moreover, while recognising the limited resources available for road infrastructure improvements, it is crucial to consider the broader network of roads in Scotland. The A9 is undoubtedly a significant route, but it should not monopolise the allocation of resources. The A82, A77, and other roads are equally deserving of investment to ensure a comprehensive and efficient road network across the country. A balanced approach to infrastructure development will improve connectivity and accessibility throughout Scotland.

It is of my view that the establishment of service stations along the A9 route and to allocate resources thoughtfully across Scotland's entire road network will not only promote road safety but also contribute to the economic and social well-being across Scotland.

Thank you for considering my input on this important matter. I trust that you will give consideration to the concerns raised by myself and other stakeholders during this consultation process.