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I feel it is very necessary for me to express a view on what I have heard and read today in respect of the Rail Consultation.

I sincerely hope that much of it is scaremongering and exaggerated by the media, however I have my doubts regarding that.

I am going to keep this brief, as there is much that can be said in respect of the ridiculous possible changes that have been broadcast today. The key point is that there should be absolutely no reduction in trains and services on our railways whatsoever. In fact there should be an increase in respect of all passenger services and especially freight in order to reduce the ridiculous amount of traffic on our road system which is disintegrating and failing to cope.

We should be encouraging as many people and companies as possible to use the railway. This is basic common sense and obvious. So all measures should be put in place to encourage this at every opportunity. Certainly not the completely negative, stupid potential measures I have heard today.

I believe the Scotrail Franchise is also to be reviewed. In this regard I wish to express that every time I have used their service, from booking online/phone, ticket collection, travelling, service and information, (in fact everything) I have found them to be excellent, efficient and use the service from Carnoustie and Dundee whenever I can. As does my family.

I also believe the Sleeper Service is being looked at with a possibility of removal from certain locations or reduction etc. This is also very stupid. In fact I am beginning to wonder who on earth is suggesting this nonsense.

I sincerely hope that none of what I am hearing is even being considered and would also hope you take my viewpoint into consideration.

I would be grateful if you can advise me if there is any other way I can express my views in relation to this matter. I intend contacting my MP, MSP and the local/national politicians regarding this. As far as I am concerned this is a major key issue that the Scottish Government better get right. Holyrood has done fairly well up to now I feel, however this is one massive potential ERROR that is brewing here.

I would be grateful if someone could give me a response in respect of the above or an acknowledgement at least.