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I would like to comment on the proposals that 9 train stations are proposed for closure.

As a rail user, I, along with most of the public, are confused that such a backward proposal could even be suggested by Transport Scotland. The public are being encouraged to use public transport. Rail is the most green method of transport available, so more stations should be added, not less.

The most shocking factor in this is that it will only save approximately £208,000, and that is probably an inflated figure. It would have cost far more to build these stations, so the public purse would suffer again.

New methods should be considered such as an entirely privately run rail network where private companies own the rail network and the trains; or an entirely publicly owned rail network where the government own both the rail network and trains. It is apparent that the current system is flawed and this should be looked into further, instead of lazy bureaucrats hitting the public again.