

## **A9 dualling; we have waited too long**

**To whom it may concern,**

The A9 is not fit for purpose and hasn't been for many decades.

It is 16 years since the SNP pledged to dual the road by 2025, yet there is still no completion date on the horizon.

Every day without a clear timetable to fulfil this promise brings new concern and potential for tragedy.

The people who live by the trunk road, who drive on it regularly or who come here to visit deserve better.

Dualling is not a panacea, but it will help cure many of the A9's ills. It will improve road safety and cut journey times to benefit business, tourism and everyday life for many communities.

Until then, accidents will continue to happen and the body count will grow.

A solid commitment is needed now to dual the road between Perth and Inverness by a reasonable date in future.

The families who have lost loved ones on the road, those who will mourn in the interim and the countless numbers who depend on the A9 for many reasons demand no less.

Give us hope that the long wait for action may finally be over.

I am calling for the Scottish Government to stick to the promises made in its manifesto and complete the dualling of the A9.

The first step would be to issue a detailed timeline of the remaining work and completion date.

It owes this to the people of the Highlands.