

# Petitioner submission of 23 September 2022

## PE1955/B: Make the provision of public toilets a statutory duty

I certainly do wish to comment because the submission fails to address the issue complained of, namely that public toilets are not an optional 'tourism' issue but a basic requirement of public and environmental health and therefore fall within local authorities' core duties to the public.

It is also a core duty of the Scottish Government itself to make proper provision for public health and environmental protection. Throughout Scotland. It is not a 'local' matter. Giving local authorities the option of opting out of a core duty reflects badly on the Scottish Government itself.

There is no excuse for this complacent and frankly shameful 'Yes Minister' style response. It is not acceptable for the Scottish Government to treat this issue with such casual dismissal.