



**PUBLIC PETITION NO.**

**PE01502**

**Name of petitioner**

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**Petition title**

Save Ecurie Ecosse cars

**Petition summary**

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to provide funding for one or more of the vehicles which form the Ecurie Ecosse collection. It is hoped that the National Museum of Scotland will seek to acquire these as part of its transport collections.

**Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition**

I have e-mailed members of the National Museum but as yet they have failed to respond.

I have been interviewed by The Daily Record Newspaper in Glasgow who carried a two page article on this matter in there motoring supplement on 25th. October a reduced version of which can be found at

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/lifestyle/motoring/must-save-racing-heritage-urges-2530397>

I have also e-mailed Gil Paterson M.S.P. who replied thanking me for 'information in regards to these famous cars important to Scotland'. Mr Paterson was not sure how he could help but promised 'will enquire to see who I can approach with a view to lend my support in the most effective way'.

I have also created a facebook page Save Ecurie Ecosse and it is proving to be popular.

I have had many e-mails offering help, legal, financial and moral support agreeing that this is a worthy cause.

**Petition background information**

This petition has come about due to the totally unique character of this collection but primarily because of their origins and the tremendous success that they had representing there country. These cars and transporter are the crown jewels of Scottish

motor sport and as such should have a place in our national museum in Edinburgh, the birthplace of Ecurie Ecosse. Not just a collection of cars but a truly unreplaceable part of our heritage of which we as a nation should be justly proud and as such should be prepared to offer them a place where they can be viewed and appreciated by all.

Driven by legends such as Sir Jackie Stewart, these cars cannot be allowed to be dispersed far and wide never to be seen in their homeland again. The significance of this collection cannot be underestimated and with this in mind it is essential that the national museum make an attempt to acquire one of these vehicles for the nation.

The collection of Ecurie Ecosse race cars will be offered for sale at auction in December. As to the worth of this collection, it is an unknown quantity but due to the provenance of these cars and the present rise in classic car values, I do not see the whole collection being sold for less than £10 million. Individually the values vary but again as always with auctions it is what someone is willing to pay

The NMS collection policy is I believe "where individual items of outstanding significance in the history and technology of Scottish transport become available we will seek to acquire these"

At this present time the museum has one of Sir Jackie Stewart's F1 cars on loan for three years and this would be a fine addition to this collection or part of.

#### Unique web address

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/GettingInvolved/Petitions/EcurieEcosse>

#### Related information for petition

Dick Skipworth Collection at auction Bonhams London 1/12/13

Ecurie Ecosse, Glasgow Daily Record 25/12/13

#### Do you wish your petition to be hosted on the Parliament's website to collect signatures online?

YES

#### How many signatures have you collected so far?

0

#### Closing date for collecting signatures online

30 / 11 / 2013

#### Comments to stimulate online discussion

As this is such an iconic collection I would expect that anyone who shares my pride in our nation would be delighted to have on display something which would promote appreciation of our determination, ability and pride in our nation.

These are a national treasure and as such should be saved for the nation.

Do you think that part of the Ecurie Ecosse collection should be saved for Scotland?